



MINUTES

Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary PTA

Date October 5, 2021 | *time* 7pm-7:50pm | *Meeting called to order by* Priscilla Paez at 7:00pm

In Attendance

Meeting was held virtually via Zoom, official attendance was not taken. There were approximately 50 attendees including Principal Troffkin, Mrs. V., and the PTA board.

Budget

Erin Whaley, PTA Treasurer, shared that the accounts currently stand at \$8,015.14. Only small expenditures were made between July and September.

Projected revenue is slated to be about \$15,000, based on a conservative estimate. Motion to approve the budget was made by PTA President, Priscilla Paez. The budget is declared approved, by visual or written approval of participants.

President's report

Priscilla Paez, PTA President, expressed her gratitude to the many volunteers that helped to make the year successful.

Please contact the executive board with any ideas or input. Email addresses can be found on the PTA website: barnsleypta.org

Principal's Report

Principal Troffkin implored parents to sign up for Synergy/ConnectEd communications to receive the weekly bulletin and automated Sunday call.

There have been changes to the quarantine procedures. Any individual students who are quarantined alone, without their class, will now be able to receive virtual instruction from teachers in our cluster for the duration of their quarantine. This service is only available for those students who are in quarantine, there are no exceptions such as general illness or vacation absences. Virtual, individual instruction started last Friday and will continue to be available until further notice.

For parent volunteers this school year, there are two requirements. In addition to the video training, volunteers will now be required to provide a COVID-19 Attestation. These details and links can be found on the school webpage, as well as the PTA webpage.

On Monday October 11, 2021, Mrs. Troffkin and Mrs. Heatwole will host an evening meeting from 6-7pm. They will discuss various middle school options for our 5th grade students, including those that are in the CES program.

Barnsley spirit week will be the last week of October. October 28th is Picture Day and the spirit choice for that day will coincide. Staff portraits were taken outside without masks. Principal Troffkin is hopeful that children's portraits will be outside as well, to have them safely remove masks for the photo.

New Business

Ways & Means Report

Alex Quayle, Ways and Means, made three announcements;

- Reported that Barnsley Spirit Wear is up for sale at the SelectSpiritWear website. The site was previously having issues, but is now working correctly. The vendor is also having issues with supply chain issues and expects orders to arrive closer to Thanksgiving. However, Mrs. Troffkin encourages students to wear spirit wear every Friday to support our cluster school, Rockville High School.
- Restaurant Night Fundraiser planned for once a month to support our school and local businesses. Alex asked participants if they have suggestions on local restaurants - Mission BBQ was mentioned.
- Buy Nothing Campaign; an opportunity to make contributions to our school to support our teachers. One can make a donation at any time by visiting the PTA website.

Directory Report

Chelsie Dottson, Directory Chair, was unable to come. Priscilla Paez, PTA President, encouraged everyone to sign up for the Directory to be able to connect with families and receive important communications.

Chelsie also heads the Chess club. Priscilla announces that another class has been added, which will hopefully start next Tuesday, after school. More information to come.

Sumi Mehta, PTA VP, thanks Chelsie (in her absence) for spearheading the first in-person activity at school. Also thanked Kay Peterson for her assistance in making this beloved activity a possibility.

Committee Reports

Sumi Mehta, shares about upcoming events:

- Fall Festival or Spooktacular "Light" will take place October 23, 2021. This date may conflict with an event at the Manor Woods Swim Club and is subject to change.

- Volunteers are encouraged to help plan and organize safe, outdoor activities for our community. Sumi thanks everyone for any feedback, input and help they are willing to give, to be able to hold in-person events this year
- In November we will have our Virtual Fall Scholastic Book Fair, Nov 5-12th. Volunteers are needed to Chair this committee. It will be virtual this season, but hoping to have an in-person fair in the spring.

Prsicilla Paez, PTA President, implores participants to volunteer to make all these events possible and run smoothly, especially in these uncertain times.

Room Parents wanted for each and every teacher. About 50% of teachers have a room parent at the moment. Signup genius link is posted in the chat and a short description of responsibilities is discussed. Primarily, being in contact with the teacher and asking them what you can do to help.

Troffkin mentioned that October 5th is World Teachers' Day. She suggests sending a note to your children's teachers to express your gratitude.

Volunteer links added to the chat. Questions about room parents and volunteer positions - Sumi Mehta, PTA VP, gently reminds participants about the uncertainty of pandemic allowances and asks for flexibility.

A parent suggests a sign-up section for "on-call" help, where one can fill in as needed but not be committed to a Chair position. PTA to discuss how to implement this suggestion, in order to utilize short term/small task assistance.

Yearbook- Meredith Calvarese, Communications Secretary, asks for several volunteers to ensure a successful and complete yearbook. At least 3-4 volunteers needed to handle communication, strategies and acquisition of photos, and creation of the book. A parent offered assistance in the chat (refer to screenshot file). Those interested are instructed to contact lybesyearbook@gmail.com after the meeting. Portrait day will be October 28th by Freed Photography.

Closing comments

Erin Wjaley, PTA Treasurer, discusses teacher reimbursements. Teachers will need reminders to submit for reimbursements before year end. Principal Troffkin can send out a blurb in the bulletin from Erin regarding that announcement. There is a sufficient amount of money in the budget, allocated for this purpose.

Principal Troffkin asks about PTA flyers. Priscilla Paez, PTA President, explains that they were put in the teacher's boxes for families. Troffkin suggested posting flyers in the teacher's lounge and meeting spaces, to promote involvement. Put the "T" in PTA.

Jennifer Hair, Barnsley parent, offered to coordinate a show of appreciation to the bus drivers - as shown in the chat files*

Also mentioned is the possibility of having a Barnsley Twitter account. There may already be an existing account, of which we will gain access to, and utilize when the login info is recovered.

Alex Quayle, Ways & Means, expresses that the AtoZ Connect button on the PTA page isn't working correctly. Will be checked and fixed.

Meredith Calvarese, Communications Secretary, takes Screenshots of zoom chat for reference*

Priscilla, PTA President, adjourns the meeting at 7:50pm

Follow-up questions:

-Marquee sign usage

-Re-wording for Blue Ribbon tab on website