

General Body Meeting - September 02

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[@0:14](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Again, sorry for that, everybody. We started the meeting and then it kind of got, I think it was, it couldn't figure out who the host was for a second.

I guess I ask that as you come in, you mute yourself and we'll get started in about two more minutes.

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I just want to make sure the rest of the exact board is here. Thank you. Okay, I think we can get started in one more minute.

I see Valencia, I Ru, I thought I saw Danielle. Okay. And I see April. Okay, great. Okay. All right.

You All right, great. My name is Sharice, everybody. I'm Sharice Vickery. Welcome to our very first PTO meeting of the school year.

I'm very happy that you guys could all join us. Unfortunately, tonight was not our original night, so some of our PTO members, including our president, Chris, are unable to join us because of...

As you can see, we all have kids at home, so asking for grace for all of us just because our schedules didn't align for tonight, but we're going to keep going through because we want to make sure that this is a year of engagement.

So we're going to introduce ourselves as the PTO and who we have for the PTO school year, and then we'll go through our very pretty much brief agenda.

We'll have a point for Principal Hogue to speak if she's able to join us. So I'm not sure, she was calling me earlier today, but I was in a meeting at work, but I know that one of the exec boards will figure that out before we get to her, but usually in our meetings monthly, we do allow for her a chance to speak, answer any questions, and then we go forward.

So like I said, our president tonight, Chris Randolph, for our 25-26 PTO school year is unable to join us.

My name is Sharice Vickery, I am the PTO delegate, community delegate, so essentially I go out into the community, I find things for us, and bring them back to school, and hope they work for us.

I'm going to turn it over to April, our treasurer.

[@3:42](#) - April

Hi, I'm April, I am the treasurer, can y'all hear me? Okay, I'm the treasurer for this year, I was also the treasurer for last year.

So my focus is really to hold the money, spend the money, capture the money, that's it. Do you want me to go over?

[@4:07](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

No, if you can go to Valencia. guess just pick somebody after you, and then we'll keep around wrapping until we get to the end.

[@4:15](#) - April

Okay. All right, Valencia, since you called your name.

[@4:22](#) - Valencia Higgins

Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Valencia Higgins. I'm the content social media creator. So if you're following us on BDF Instagram, I'm managing the post, and you can send me all items that you want me to share on the site that is beneficial to all parents.

I can't see who else on the board is on. Is Ru, you mentioned Ru was here.

[@4:50](#) - Ru

Yep, I'm here. I'll take it. Hey, guys. My name is Ruta Hyla. I've been with the board for this.

name wife is According to my second year, I am supporting the capacity of her appreciation, activities, and engagement. I will go ahead and throw it over to Danielle.

[@5:21](#) - **Danielle Wood**

I'm here. Thank you. Good evening, everyone. My name is Danielle Wood. I am the secretary for the PTO this school year.

[@5:31](#) - **Courtney S**

And I just want to take a second to say in the chat, there's an attendance form, and we are working with Principal Hogue to give a pizza party to the homeroom with the highest attendance participation on our PTO meeting.

[@5:45](#) - **Danielle Wood**

So if everyone could take a moment to fill out that form that I posted in the chat. Oh, Courtney?

Courtney? T gross. Oh, holiday party.

[@5:58](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Hey. Hey. Hey. E Hey. Hey Hey. Hey. Cherise, think it's people waiting in the waiting room, and Courtney was waiting.

[@6:06](#) - **Danielle Wood**

I've admitted them all.

[@6:09](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Oh, okay.

[@6:15](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Courtney, might have stepped shorter, you want to hear?

[@6:20](#) - **April**

I saw her name earlier, but I don't see it now.

[@6:23](#) - **Danielle Wood**

Oh, okay. on, but I'll introduce myself, everyone.

[@6:26](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

I'm Principal Hogue, a part of the executive board. Thank you for joining us.

[@6:37](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

And then we have Lynn Frazier, and then we do have Christy Evans.

[@6:47](#) - **Kristie Evans**

I'm Christy Evans, the hospitality committee chair.

[@6:58](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

And then we have Janay. Janay, are you there? I think I'm I saw you come in.

[@7:03](#) - **Janay Brown**

Hi, yes, I'm in. Can you all hear me okay? Hi, I'm Janae Brown. I'm VP of Fundraising for this school year.

I'm not talking about anything that I have planned or just introducing myself. Oh, well, happy to meet you guys.

My baby is in Ms. N. Johnson's class. He's a first grader here this year.

[@7:30](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

think that's everybody, and we have Lynn Frazier. I'm not sure if she's on right now, but she is our membership chair this school year.

Okay, so we're going to get into it. This school year, like I said, our theme for the upcoming school year is engagement.

I have a second grader that came home from Floyd this afternoon who's having an attitude problem, so we're going to ignore any yelling in the back.

So, the theme for our year's engagement, we want to continue our commitment to transparency, which we undertook last year, making sure that we had everything transparent, where you can see all of the reports, all the finances, everything you needed to see, as well as we wanted to focus on deepening our parent, parent, teacher, and student involvement, and we want to do an emphasis on in-person events.

We want to make sure we have a stronger volunteer presence and open communication. Normally, what we do is we, the next step on this slide is we typically go to our finance report, so that's what we're going to go to next.

And for those who are kind of confused about why we're narrating this, we do have a lot of new families that joined us this school year, so we want to congratulate you guys for making it through the registration process for all of our new kindergarten, sixth, seventh grade, even our new fifth grade.

Is anyone who may have auditioned or transferred in, or were selected throughout the school year, throughout the rest of the grades, through the lottery.

So congratulations, but I'm going to be narrating for some of our parents who've been here around, like, why are you narrating this?

So that they kind of know the flow of our meeting. So the next part is we typically go to our finance report, which is presented to us by April, our treasurer.

And then we go on to old business, and then new business, Principal Hogue, and then a kind of wrap-up.

So I am going to share with you guys our finance report. April, it's up for you to see.

[@9:41](#) - April

Okay. Hold up. I can't scroll anything. So this is just breaking down what we left the school year with?

[@9:52](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Yep.

[@9:55](#) - April

Hold on. I'm trying to – I'm on my phone because my – It's okay.

[@9:59](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

You want me to

[@10:01](#) - April

So if you, if you can read the numbers off, and I can give any details to anything. Yep, no problem.

[@10:07](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

So our, um, so this is how we pretty much left our accounts with the, the last school year with our budget.

Um, we had a teacher reimbursement, um, budget. Oh, actually, no. Yeah, we had a, this is our account, um, basically at this point, our account balance.

was, um, August 29th, 2025, was \$28,911. Um, at the bottom, you'll see there's a negative \$3,289, and that is because that's under, that's understood if we budget this way.

And we're going to start, talk about the budget in a second. Currently, as of August 29th, our principal's account is \$11,263.

And then for the upcoming school year, we. The PTO is requesting a budget of \$17,649, I believe. Is that correct, April?

Did I say that correct or no?

[@11:11](#) - April

Yeah. Okay. So the column on the projected one is what we are thinking that we will need based on everything that we spent last year.

We try to budget basically down to a zero budget from what we currently have just in case we don't get, you know, a lot of money from fundraisers and things of that nature.

We try to just plan out the year ahead of time. So planning out with what we currently have in our bank account versus what we actually need to spend, we're at a little bit of a deficit, which will, of course, change after we start fundraising.

So you don't have to be worried about that. Does anyone have any questions as far as finance? there anything else you needed me to go over, Sharice?

[@11:58](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

I don't think so. so. So. Not at this time. I think we'll get into that with the kind of the slides that we're going to go through next.

Are there any questions in the chat? Because I cannot see the chat. see that there. No, it refers to this.

[@12:13](#) - Kristie Evans

Can you check the waiting room?

[@12:15](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Yep, we did already. Okay. All right. So let's go to our Our first slide, and this will correlate back to kind of our budget.

So Field Day Field Day is a project that the PTO undertakes and funds for our school. Our current budget for the PTO for Field Day is currently we asked for \$3,500.

We actually spent more than that. And so I am proposing a budget of \$5,000. of we're to. for the to

The reason for the increase is because of the expanded activities, the inflatables, the vendors, hydration stations, we need to ensure that we have all of those adequately.

While we did have great hydration stations, there was, we could have changed up on some of our vendors. We had less vendors this year, just because of price increases due to inflation.

And so, the impact of this is a school-wide excitement and community pride. The kids really, really love field day.

And so, in order, I think, to present an effective field day process, we'd have to actually go ahead and increase the budget for that.

I'll pause to see if there's any questions.

[@13:54](#) - **April**

And just an FYI, the reason why she's breaking everything down is because that we have the parents involved. She's in approving our budget year-over-year, so that's why she's asking if you all have any questions and giving kind of details on why we need to increase this year versus last year, and we're only increasing based on basically a financial standpoint on where we had to cut things last year when we wanted to do more, but due to the budget, had to kind of condense things a little bit.

[@14:27](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Okay. Okay. I'm going to go to the next slide, and that would be Courtney Shorter, our VITS director. Did Courtney join us?

[@14:39](#) - **Courtney S**

Yeah, I'm here. Okay.

[@14:41](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Thank you, Courtney. The VITS director.

[@14:43](#) - **Courtney S**

Wow. Impressive. Okay. So, our current budget was \$11.05. The VITS, just so you all know, that's like the KISS dance, is any special dances, anything that...

requires or invites the kids to come and have fun. It also is partially like the Boots on the Ground event that's coming up, any parent happy hours, any grade level socials, rentals, entertainment, spaces, food if needed, and things like that.

I'm proposing that we increase the budget to \$4,000 so that we can do a few more events. I think we only did one or maybe two events last year.

Increasing the budget will allow us to do at least one to two more events. Including the events that are standard right now, which is the Kiss Dance, is the main one that we did last year.

And we will continue to do that one. One of the big events that we hope to do this year is a school-wide sneaker ball, which is also why we are proposing an increase to the budget.

And that would be an event that everybody in the school would be invited to, not just, you know, certain grade levels.

So that is my proposed budget for this school year. good idea. Thank Thank Thank you. Thank Like, Sharice, I will stop and pause for any questions or clarification.

[@16:05](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

And I'll add, while Courtney's pausing, we really want to get to a point, we've heard the kids tell us, like, they don't want to have some of these events at the school, they want to go other places, we've also heard that from parents.

So, part of Courtney's request in increasing the budget is to ensure that we can secure a rental space. Some of these rental spaces are \$4,000 flat, and that's not even getting to food.

Anything else. So, we're asking, definitely, to have an increase because of that. All right, seeing none, I'm going to go to Rue.

Around our appreciation budget. Is Rue still stop it, Sharice, if you want me to. Okay.

[@17:22](#) - **Courtney S**

Oh, I she just came back in. Okay. Rue, are you here?

[@17:31](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Go ahead. just want to take your time.

[@17:33](#) - **Courtney S**

For the appreciation budget increase, last year, we did a lot of events to highlight and show appreciation for the teachers, the counselor, the janitorial staff, the principal, the vice principal, and the current budget is reflective of probably a little less than what we actually spent, and so we're proposing to increase that budget as well, and that would cover gifts.

we're not. trying in. teach Fathom, Week, with the goal of increasing parenting engagement, stronger school culture, and just showing that, showing the staff that we really appreciate all that they're doing for the kids.

Rue did come back in. Rue, will let you jump in if you want to pick it up.

[@18:17](#) - **Ru**

Yeah, spot on, Courtney. So just to kind of summarize it, essentially, this is us just ensuring that we pour back into the school and to the teachers, to the staff members.

We look at this kind of as keeping the culture, keeping morale high within the different staff members and faculty within the school.

And so that is the cause for the increase of the budget. We have a jam-packed calendar for this year for this particular appreciation bucket of money.

We want to do events monthly for the school. If you guys are interested in volunteering for those monthly events, please reach out to me.

But that essentially is the reason that we need the increased budget. Thank you. Yup.

[@18:59](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

You Thank you, and then a PTO administration budget increase, I'll take this one. Essentially, we need to increase our overall PTO administration budget.

Again, we want to start doing some more grade-level socials. We're going to do more parent happy hours. ...change for us to ensure that we are complying with any state and federal regulations around being a PTO and being a non-profit.

We are essentially considered a non-profit for the school only. So because of those administrative changes, we need to make sure that we increase the budget to capture that.

...so we cover things like our Zoom. You know, we do get a discount. We get an education discount, being a PTO, but it doesn't...

It doesn't, it doesn't stretch that far, you know, businesses are still charging pretty much their prices, um, and so we're proposing an increase for that as well.

So I'll pause for any questions.

[@20:20](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

While you're pausing, parents, can you just look in the chat? There's some, um, important links that have been placed in the chat.

In addition to the attendance link, there are other links, and there's a link for, if you want to volunteer, um, to get your fingerprints, if you want to sign up for that, that link is in there as well.

[@20:40](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Thank you, principal. And that is pretty question about the fingerprints.

[@20:47](#) - **Kenny Smith**

Is there, is there a list that you guys have, if we've already done it, so that we can confirm that we're on that list?

Yeah, that would be through, um, Ms.

[@20:57](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Halsey in the front office.

[@20:59](#) - **Kenny Smith**

Okay, okay. Thank you. Yeah.

[@21:01](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

You would just email Ms. Halsey.

[@21:03](#) - **Kenny Smith**

Okay. I have a question as well.

[@21:08](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Yes. Can you explain the parent happy hours? Like, what that entails? Yeah. So, this will be something new for us.

We want to start having parent happy hours where we can have all of the parents, you know, come out, have a little sippy sip.

And, you know, time out and free to talk, to hang out, just to get out the house, pretty much.

And to actually just kind of build community. That's really one of our things this year is we want to build engagement.

We want to build community. And we want to make sure that everyone feels like this is a true community, a true school community as it is.

You know, we see each other at drop-offs and pick-ups and other programs that we wave high, but we want to kind of build some more of that.

So, that's what the parent happy hours would be.

[@21:53](#) - **Larissa Christen**

Thank you.

[@21:57](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

And then for grade-level social, same. We kind of want to start socializing the different grade levels between the parents and the students, as well as joint events with, so we're looking at,

you know, maybe having all the seventh grade parents hang out, all the eighth grade parents hang out, all the second grade parents hang out, something like that.

Okay, so as we don't have any questions about the budget, essentially, I'll go back to the budget page so that you guys can see that we are essentially requesting to increase our \$1000 so that we can cover any shortfalls that may be there.

That is the request tonight, we're going to have to take a vote on that. I'm going to have to pause and let Danny tell me how we're going to do that.

I'm not sure if you need to do that by a Google form. Dani, Charlie', I'm sorry, repeat that. Sorry, sorry, y'all, Cocoa Golf is on, so it's really a lot of excitement in my house about Cocoa Golf right now.

Dani, how do you want to do the voting? Because I do believe it has to be members that vote, or how are we doing?

Doing the voting for the budget.

[@23:33](#) - **Danielle Wood**

Oh, yeah, so you have to be a paid member to vote, so I'll do the votes in the chat, that way I can cross-check with our membership form.

[@23:45](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Okay. All right, and so how do you want them to do? just want them to say yes, no, as a message?

[@23:52](#) - **Danielle Wood**

works. Yes, no. Okay. All right.

[@23:55](#) - **Yemi Oladiran**

I have a question, or I guess suggestion, before we do the voting. I have I have a I A lot of us are just getting the form today to be part of PTO members, and we're getting the form and the payment and all of that stuff today.

Is it possible to hold off on the voting until the next PTO meeting when everybody have gone through the form and make their payment?

[@24:20](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

So if we hold off, then we cannot have any events until October.

[@24:26](#) - **Yemi Oladiran**

Oh, I see. Bye-bye.

[@24:30](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

No, it's an excellent question to ask. I'm sure you're not the only person who was thinking that, but unfortunately, that's just how the bylaws are set up.

So if we pause, we can't move forward at all. The link to sign up is at the top of our webpage, which is bdfpto.org, and you should see a banner that says Join Now.

few now. I'll see in And then, we're banner do sign up And we'll Brittany, have one more clarification question or like a point of order.

When you're doing the voting, are you counting, since this is our first meeting of the school year, you counting people who had membership last year?

And then going forward for next meeting, any votes we have? Next meeting, is that how you're doing?

[@25:25](#) - **Danielle Wood**

No, I'm just, it just is whoever's a paid member for this school year.

[@25:30](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

For this school year, the 25, 26, okay. Okay. Okay, so I see your question, Ms. Freeman, in the chat.

We'll get to that in a second. So we're going to do our vote, and then we're going to take a vote via chat.

You're going to just say yes or no. Okay. Last name, I highly suggest that you put your first and last name.

[@26:03](#) - **April**

Yes or no, or just in a whole group with everybody. I guess the whole group, it don't matter.

[@26:09](#) - **Danielle Wood**

Yeah, the whole group is fine.

[@26:11](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

If your first and last name is not your login name, I highly suggest that you at least put your first and last name next to your vote.

And then we can, while we're taking a vote, I'm going to let us pause and have Principal Hogue go.

So we'll skip Books on the Ground for a second. We'll come back to that. And then we'll circle back to Books on the Ground upcoming, and then another upcoming event.

Principal Hogue?

[@26:48](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Ms. Freeman, ask your question. I want to make sure I understand what your question is. Kimberly Freeman? Are you still on a call?

[@27:00](#) - **Kimberly Freeman**

Yes, can you hear me? Yes, ma'am.

[@27:02](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Can you just ask your question so I can make sure I understand what you're asking?

[@27:06](#) - **Kimberly Freeman**

Yes, I was asking about on the sign-up form for the PTO, there's a question that asks if your child is involved in any special programs or activities.

[@27:14](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Is that with school or outside of school as well? Good question. That was within the school.

[@27:22](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Oh, okay. were trying, so if they were part of, like, student government or if they were part of, like, the dance team or the drama, department, if they were part of any plays or productions like that.

[@27:33](#) - **Kimberly Freeman**

Okay, perfect. Thank you.

[@27:35](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Okay. So, I'm going to jump to my portion. First, I want to just thank you all. We have 81 parents.

Out of 560-something parents, this still is good. And this is our largest number so far. So, I hope to keep this number up.

Again, please sign up because your babies are really excited about getting their pizza party. Miss D. Smith's class from, um, is the one who received the pizza party from last, for the parents that showed up at the PT, uh, at the admin team back to school night.

All right. So we have a couple things. This is the opportunity if you have questions for me. Also, KM1 parents, you, if you're on this call, you should, if your baby was in school the first day of school, should have received a treat from the PTO and myself today, which was a photo from the first day of school.

We hope that you appreciate it. If you haven't checked your baby's book bags, please make sure that you check their book bags so that you can, um, see their first day of school photo.

When we're going through this budget, just know that a lot of the things that we do, we try to, um, that comes out of the principal's account that we earned from our fundraisers.

And our first fundraiser is going to be the readathon. We'll begin September 22nd that week. And it's the week of back-to-school night, which elementary back-to-school night is September 24th, and middle school is September 25th.

And so that's, those are the funds, like, for example, that we're doing food for Friday, pizza for Ms. Smith's class.

Then whoever, whichever class has the highest participation today, they will get a treat. if you were if you were able to um if you haven't asked your kids about like friday's pep rally ask them about the pep rally friday was a wonderful it's our annual for lois first and final which we do every year where we celebrate our kindergartners for making it through the first week of school and we introduce our eighth graders as the seniors of the building it was amazing and i want to thank miss vickery and miss wood for coming out to um be the judges in our little dance off competition um

If you have a third or fourth grade student, they may have come home today to say that they have another competition coming.

And so third and fourth grade were angry with me that they didn't get to jump out there and dance.

And so they came to me and was like, it's not famous, we want to do it. And so I said, okay, so this Friday we will have during our lunchtime, our freestyle Friday, where there will be third and fourth grade battling.

And they picked the dance, y'all. It was not me who picked it. And actually, was a few parents that were like, oh, yeah, they should, they want to do it.

It's this Chris Brown dance challenge. I was a little skeptical about it. But when a few parents was like, let them do it, Hoag.

And then the kids were like, no, this is the one we want to do. So do you know I had to put my old lady hat to the side and realize this is where we are and what our kids like to do.

All right. So just wanted to share a couple of those things. I just thank you so very much for coming out.

Um, you should, parents, please make sure that you look at our parent newsletter that comes out on Sunday evenings.

The very first one that was, um, you should have seen two where there was an updated link and we used the s'mores this year.

So please, please, please look at it. If you are not receiving it, that means your information is not correct in parent view and you need to fix that.

It's nothing I can do. You have to fix it. You got to make sure it's right. And you can reach out to Ms.

Holmes, lynda.homes, um, to see it. Cause that's where we post, um, the information we use school messenger and everyone must have access to parent view.

I feel like that's, I cannot remember if there's anything else. If there are questions we can come, I'll stay on at the end so that you can ask any questions.

Cause I don't want to hold up this time, um, with questions, unless you want this to be my question, uh, period Ms.

Vickery.

[@31:57](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

We can, we can, we can keep it open. Well, okay.

[@32:00](#) - Keshia Hogue

Okay, well, you're telling, verifying this. So, oh, let me just say this. Parents, the county is no longer doing, we said this last year and we said this year, the county is no longer providing Chromebooks.

So, you're going to have to get your kid a Chromebook. Like, the county is not doing it. If you have a child in sixth grade or above, you remember when you had to provide it.

If you have a child, fifth grade or below, that was the pandemic babies. And the county gave out the Chromebooks and kept giving them and let them keep them and then it stopped last year.

So, that practice of having that Chromebook for them, you probably, you know, you may not be familiar with. Older parents that have the older students you're familiar with.

And the one thing I'm going to say, in all honesty, is think back to those, like, those of you of my era, your parents had encyclopedias.

Like, you had to have that in there to get the work done, right? Well, we're not using encyclopedias anymore.

You got to have, your kids got to have access. There's one thing that is a strong contributor to the have and have nots, and it's access.

And we have to move beyond access to trips and access to material things, but access to technology. You got to make sure your kids have it.

And so the county's just not paying for it anymore. They're not giving the books. And that's one thing you got to make sure that your kids have, is just access to technology at home.

Whatever that looks like for you is what it looks like for you. But you must, you must, that's a must.

Alrighty, any questions for me? Just unmute. Yeah, you have one.

[@33:43](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

It was, oh, where did go? There was one question. They said they had a question, but now I can't find their name.

[@33:55](#) - **Mrs. White**

I have a question. Mm-hmm.

[@33:57](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Oh, okay.

[@33:58](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Go ahead. Good afternoon. afternoon.

[@34:00](#) - **Mrs. White**

Hi, everyone. This is Sheila White. So I just want to make sure I understand Ms. Hogue correctly. The kids will be assigned Chromebooks from school, but they will stay in school, but to do the homework at home, they need a Chromebook at home.

[@34:18](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Well, no, okay. No, so let me be clear. So if there's an activity at school, they're going to need the, we provide the Chromebooks, but the Chromebooks don't go home.

So if you want, so there's some platforms. There's Dreambox already, some of those platforms that help the students, and then if they are needed, yeah, they're going to need to have access to that technology at home.

So whether it's them getting on your device, or if you have a phone that they could get on, or a Chromebook, but students have to have access to technology at home.

[@34:49](#) - **Mrs. White**

Oh, okay, okay. Yes, ma'am.

[@34:51](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Thanks.

[@34:52](#) - **Mrs. White**

No worries at all.

[@34:53](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

I will say this, iPads don't work on every platform, just for parents who may have the iPads. They don't work on every platform.

I just wanted to share that part with you.

[@35:02](#) - **Courtney S**

So, Ms. Shayla, who had the question.

[@35:07](#) - **Shayla Winston**

Hi, yes, this is Shayla Winston. I have a kindergartener and I have a fifth grader this year. So, two separate questions.

The first one is for the kindergarten. So, my daughter is kindergarten. She brings her lunch, but sometimes I'm kind of skeptical that she may have gotten into the lunch line but she brings her lunch is there any way that the staff on duty for lunch do they kind of manage who bought their lunch versus who is getting in line to get their lunch because I don't want her to incur fees because she's going into the line and she doesn't really know the process because she's new so unfortunately no for the cater to lunch there's three people in that lunch four on a great day and

[@36:00](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

And between trying to help them open their packages and all that, no, the answer is no. I mean, we do tell them if you have lunch, so like Ms.

Barnes reminds them, if you have lunch, eat your food, and if you are buying lunch, so we, you know, we, Ms.

Barnes did this whole little message and, you know, try to do, to show them the distinct, but they're, they're five and they're going to get in line with their friends.

So I would honestly, like, that really is going to be, like, coming from you guys, like, just reminding her not to get in line, which is going to be tough because five-year-olds are going to follow their friends.

Exactly.

[@36:36](#) - **Shayla Winston**

That's what I'm afraid of. Yeah, it really is.

[@36:38](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

tell her all the time, don't get in that line, but. And if it's something they like, like today, these, those nuggets, the chicken fingers, some of them want it, and they're kids that had lunch.

And they were like, but I still want it. I was like, no, but what I don't want to happen, because I'm not in that lunch every day.

I told two children no to. And then I realized, Keisha, you better stop, because what I don't feel like is a parent calling me saying, didn't let my child eat.

What I sent them was just a snack, you know, and it's sometimes it's difficult. So I did go back.

It wasn't your baby, though, Ms. Vincent, but I did tell the two, if your parents say it's okay, and that's how I said it.

Because I realized sometimes I'm looking at the lunchbox and parents are just sending the snacks and not necessarily the lunch.

So it's a little difficult to decipher. And I'm sorry.

[@37:26](#) - **Shayla Vinston**

That's okay. Yeah, no, you can send mine back. Because she has a whole lunchbox, and she know better. But thank you for that explanation.

So for my fifth grader, I haven't, I've only, I think there are only two fifth grade teachers. So I've spoken to the non-homeroom teacher for my fifth grader.

But the homeroom teacher, I haven't received anything now. I did find out that this teacher, I guess she's getting acclimated to the school and everything.

But when can parents expect? Can some kind of update on the expectation for the classroom, an introduction, some background, because, you know, my child has been there since kindergarten, now he's in the fifth grade, so I'm kind of used to a rhythm, a cadence of the expectation of the, of how the teachers there introduce themselves, their goals for the kids for that year, a direct message in class, dojo.

So, when can we expect that for the new teacher?

[@38:30](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

You must be talking about Ms. Quinday, the county hasn't given her an email address or anything yet, she's still waiting on all of that, and so what I directed her is to wait till she gets all of that, and to not send anything through her personal email.

[@38:43](#) - **Shayla Winston**

Okay.

[@38:44](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Yeah, so it's really, it's really the delay on that, but what I can do is just go ahead, because we were, there's about to be a fifth grade parent meeting, that you'll be meeting with her before back to school night.

Okay.

[@38:57](#) - **Shayla Winston**

Okay. But yeah, it should be coming up because.

[@38:59](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Okay. Oh, I'm so glad I brought this up. Fifth grade parents, Camp Schmidt trip is in October this year.

Normally, it's in the second half of the year. And so I believe tomorrow, Ms. Hawkins is sending out the flyer.

That's the legacy trip. And we have to have parents, excuse me, chaperone. And so all that information will come out for a parent night.

But for Ms. Quinday, she hasn't received all her stuff from the county yet. It's just a small delay. Okay.

And once she gets, when, um, and that's all on me. I just, I just don't want her to send that with her personal stuff.

No, I understand.

[@39:36](#) - **Shayla Winston**

Thank you for that. Um, but yeah, I just wanted to know, like, how can I begin to help my child help her so that we can create a partnership for the school year?

[@39:45](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Yeah. Okay. Okay.

[@39:47](#) - **Shayla Vinston**

All right.

[@39:48](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Well, thank you so much.

[@39:49](#) - **Shayla Vinston**

No worries at all.

[@39:52](#) - **BM**

I have a couple of questions, if that's all right.

[@39:54](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Yes, Ms. Murrow. Tell me.

[@39:56](#) - **BM**

Um, my daughter's in kindergarten. She was probably one of the kids you sent back. She about lunch, because I sent her lunch, but told her she can try it if she wants, and I'll probably continue that.

But first question is, outside of PTO, is there an initiative to contact, like, the district or the school board for additional funding for our school?

[@40:19](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Everything we do is through the PTO. And Ms. Vickery is our delegate that does it. And let me just share this.

A collaborative voice is a stronger voice. I've been getting the runaround with this screen, and Ms. Vickery's voice and pushback and keep coming up, talking to them, we receive this screen.

And so everything we do goes through the PTO.

[@40:45](#) - **BM**

Okay. Okay. Good to know. And then another question. I know that with the PTO right now, the attendance is, depending on the pizza party.

In the event that, like, I want to see. So a pizza party for my daughter's class, what is the cost of that and does that go through the PTO board?

So if you want to do, no, so if you want to out your pocket, you just got to contact Ms.

[@41:12](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Hawkins and that classroom teacher to make sure that that's not a class with any allergies and because we have some kids like, so like one class, like if when I do pizza, there's a child that doesn't do pizza sauce.

So I always just want to get the McDonald's. You know, so that's it, I mean, that's you spending your funds, you just, you know, coordinate with them, but make sure there's enough for every single student, and if it's a student with an allergy, there has to be an alternative for that student.

[@41:46](#) - **BM**

Okay, great. Thank you.

[@41:49](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

And Ms.

[@41:50](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Merrill, to follow up on what Principal Hulk was saying, when we do advocate to the board, we kind of do it as a whole school community.

We want to make sure that, one, whatever we're advocating for, we're not throwing our staff under the bus in any way.

We want to make sure that we have their concerns in mind as well. And what I mean by that is, you know, they have different bosses they have to report to.

And if we start marching up the road on one thing, and it might not even be a thing that they need help on, we may have caused another situation for them that they now have. So we kind of, what we do is if it's something that we need to escalate, we definitely talk about it as an entire PTO and a school community.

That's why we're trying to have these classroom liaisons and these school level socials so that we can find out what is it that's a pain point for you, and then take it back to school leadership saying, hey, we hear at second grade level that the pain point is this.

Is this something that at the school level can be fixed? Is this something that can be fixed? Is it, you know, is this a policy thing?

What is it, right? And we kind of walk it down from there. And like Principal Hoke said, there's a psych, it's called a cyclorama.

It's a screen inside of our gymnasium, auditorium thing. And it started off with a very small rip. By the end of the school year, it was a larger rip.

And so I escalated. And we heard from several parents saying, what's going on with that screen? What's going on with the screen?

screen? Um, but, you know, we had to move delicately on it in a way where we, we don't, because Principal Hoke and her staff had been working on it and trying to get it fixed for so long, we needed to kind of take the ball from them and get that ball across the yard without causing any other issues.

Um, and so that's, that's why I just want to say it's a, it's a very delicate balance, um, especially being a specialty school.

I'm happy to report that that's cyclical fixes that we, as a PTO, undertook over the summer, that we're just kind of waiting until those get installed so that we can tell the rest of the community

about it, but we've done central office, but we've still gotten some of the politicians, our local politicians, to invest in our school.

And when I say invest, I mean big money dollar, big, big, big, we, we talking five figures of dollars.

So we, we, we thank you and we, we are glad to have you here. We love to have you partner with us some more and, and help us advocate as well.

[@44:46](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

And I was just going to jump in for all kids, our parents. We have another thing that we established within the executive board is we have executive board member leads.

For your grade level. So Janae Brown and myself, Valencia Higgins, is your kindergarten liaison. So if you have any questions or want to start a group meet, just to become familiar with the school, we are here.

Any way that you want to communicate with us, just reach out. Feel free to reach out to us and ask us any questions that you may have.

Do you start the call? Mommy, do you start the call? That's it for me.

[@45:29](#) - **Courtney S**

Thank you. Brian Washington has a question.

[@45:35](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Hi.

[@45:38](#) - **Bianca Washington (she/her)**

My son is in second grade, and he was designated as a TAG student. And we haven't received any information on, like, when that will start, what that's going to look like for him in his day.

And I was told to reach out to Ms. Hall, and I've done that. Uh, but I haven't heard, heard back from her at all.

So you should have received Ms.

[@46:04](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Hall's out of office because Ms. Hall wasn't in the building at all last week.

[@46:08](#) - **Bianca Washington (she/her)**

Mm, okay. I, I, I reached out through Dojo.

[@46:13](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Okay. Yeah. So for, just reach out through emails, but she was on, she was on leave all last week.

And so this is her first week back. And so, um, she'll get back. And so before like around, um, our, we start, uh, actual pull out.

Okay. Um, typically around the middle of the month, um, end of September. So she's working on our schedule and everything now.

Okay.

[@46:37](#) - **Bianca Washington (she/her)**

All right. Thank you very much for that.

[@46:39](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

No worries at all.

[@46:41](#) - **Bianca Washington (she/her)**

Okay.

[@46:42](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Any other questions for me?

[@46:45](#) - **Deidre Thompson**

Hi, good evening. I do have a question or a couple of questions. Um, I was on this spirit shop earlier today, and I just wanted to know for the class t-shirts, how do the sizes run?

because because Because for the specific, I guess, different color T-shirts, it didn't have... if it was in youth, it just had extra small, small, medium, large, extra large.

I didn't know if those are adult sizes or are those youth sizes?

[@47:17](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

We'll get an answer to you before the end of the meeting.

[@47:21](#) - **Deidre Thompson**

Okay. And then my question is, um, my child is new to the school this year. He's in seventh grade.

I heard you guys speaking about the fingerprinting earlier this evening. I just wanted to double back and question, if we did fingerprinting previously some years ago at an elementary school other than Falloy, would I still contact the office at Falloy to find out if they still have records of it?

Because I just remember doing it years ago and they said you only needed to do it one time. But that was it.

[@48:00](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

So you still have to do, um, so every year you still have to do the application, the fingerprints, if you paid the \$65, um, 12-year fingerprints or 13-year fingerprints, that is a one-time thing, because it covers for the whole school year span, their whole, their, their lifetime of school from K through 12.

If you paid for the, there is a one-year fingerprint that some people can pay for, um, so if you pay for that one, and your year, if is expired, you definitely have to redo your fingerprints.

But if you paid the \$65, and you got the K through 12 one, you don't have to do fingerprints again.

But every single year, any parent volunteer to go on a field trip, to volunteer at any event, there is an application that still has to be done every year.

And that has to be completed again, because they still do run another background check, and then you have to do the trainings that come with it.

So if you don't complete those every year. So have essentially not completed the volunteer application, but the fingerprints is not about the fingerprints, every time, so once you've done that K-12 one, you're fine, it's the yearly application for a background check and the trainings.

Hope that answered your question.

[@49:19](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Let me just add to that, Ms. Thompson, is that if a lawyer wouldn't have access to any paper, like if you turned into another school, but once you, when you do like Ms.

Vickery say, when you apply and you go on the application in the county, in that process, they should have access and know if your fingerprint is still on record.

[@49:41](#) - **Deidre Thompson**

Okay. Okay. Okay. Okay. I remember doing and paying like 60-some dollars for it. I just didn't know where to even try to track that down at.

[@49:50](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Yeah. Gotcha. No worries. Okay.

[@49:52](#) - **Deidre Thompson**

Thank you. Mm-hmm.

[@49:55](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Any other questions for me? All righty, I'm going... Quick question.

[@50:02](#) - **Shayla Vinston**

Oh, yes, ma'am.

[@50:03](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Sorry.

[@50:04](#) - **Shayla Vinston**

So, for Camp Schmidt, are they doing the sleepover?

[@50:07](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Yes, Camp Schmidt is an overnight trip that we need parents, like parents got to come, and we try to have the same gender as your students, so that you could be in the same room with them.

Okay, I remember from when I was a kid, so that's why I was asking if they still did the overnight.

Yep, it is still, that's a PG County legacy trip, and it is still overnight, and we definitely need people on there.

And then for seventh grade parents, Mr. Hunter will be getting information out for our, which you'll probably get that around back to school night, for our JA Finance Park trip, just to even share information about that, because that's another one where we will have to have parent volunteers for that one.

Any other questions for me? Thank

[@51:09](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

I do have one quick question, I'm sorry to interrupt, there's a, in the chat, there's a parent that mentioned there, the eighth grade liaison, if you can share your contact information, I'm not sure if they're already in the group, I just didn't recognize the name.

so, what we did was we assigned a PTO, um, exec board member to each grade level to be the liaison to the PTO, so if you guys have a liaison, that's the person who will liaise with the PTO, if that makes sense.

So I believe it was, um, I'll take Dani, for example, um, she's the fourth grade PTO liaison, so if you have a fourth grade PTO, a fourth grade, like, group set up, if parents already, that's kind of linked up, um, and you need any assistance, or help, or anything from the PTO, you will contact Danielle Wood.

[@52:02](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Uh, LaKeisha, you have your hand up.

[@52:06](#) - **La Keisha**

Yes, good afternoon, everyone. I had a question for PTO, Ms. Hogue. In regard to transportation, is there a liaison for transportation?

I have a situation where I don't know any, um, students that live in my area that attend BDF. Mm-hmm.

And that would help me, um, help the transportation superintendent and the front office coordinate, so my child can get, um, transportation.

[@52:43](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Okay.

[@52:44](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Is your, is your child, do you have an assigned bus already?

[@52:49](#) - **La Keisha**

No, ma'am. Did you recently change your address? No, ma'am. Is everything correcting your parent view?

[@52:58](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

No,'am.

[@52:59](#) - La Keisha

What's up? If didn't is manifest No, No, Except with the election that I did not need transportation, everything is correct.

[@53:07](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Okay, and have you contacted Ms. Combs yet? Yes.

[@53:14](#) - La Keisha

Okay. And she's working with me and the superintendent of transportation is working with me. I just want to know if there's a form or a venue that exists.

I don't need to know particular addresses, but if people live in my area so I can help facilitate this.

[@53:37](#) - Keshia Hogue

You know what? sir.

[@53:39](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Then you can, go ahead, Principal, sorry. So that one, that's a little tricky.

[@53:44](#) - Keshia Hogue

I'm not sure why they are putting the work on you to do it.

[@53:47](#) - La Keisha

That's, that seems- They're not.

[@53:49](#) - Keshia Hogue

You know I'm a Keisha, Keisha, so I'm taking the initiative.

ACTION ITEM: Follow up on LaKeisha's transportation issue after receiving email w/ details - [WATCH](#)

[@53:55](#) - La Keisha

To try to do it. All right, I will say this, send me a Ms.

[@54:00](#) - Keshia Hogue

So an email with your baby's name, kind of like with this, so that we can try to find, like looking at your address, to see where, if there's someone there, and if it's a particular neighborhood, if you can share that, that will make it a little easier for us to just try to find, like, is there anyone that lives in this?

Because it's really going to be us having to just announce it and, you know, you know, ax around. And then we can see if there are some buses and try to attack the bus that way.

[@54:30](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

Are you trying to find the bus route that's for your address?

ACTION ITEM: Escalate LaKeisha's transportation issue to Board of Education after receiving email - [WATCH](#)

[@54:36](#) - La Keisha

So it's kind of convoluted, right? There was a bus route last year, but this year it no longer exists.

[@54:46](#) - Candyce Jones's iPhone

Okay.

[@54:48](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Can you also send an email to the PTO? So bdfpto at gmail.com.

[@54:58](#) - **La Keisha**

Yeah. We can also

[@55:00](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

So, Principal Hogue, I could also do the escalation from there as well and get it on a tracker because if it was assigned and it's probably just got dropped off by accident somewhere or something like that.

But we'll, we'll, I can also escalate it as well.

[@55:17](#) - **La Keisha**

Thank you.

[@55:17](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

But I do want to, I do want to say, thankfully our school, while we do have probably have some bus issues going on, we do not have, the same bus issues that some of our counterparts have.

Um, we actually only have a total of five buses without a dedicated bus driver. There were 48 new bus drivers that were hired and started today.

Um, I shouldn't say started today. They were hired some time ago, finished training, started today on their routes. Um, so we're, hopefully our buses will have their, their final, um, bus driver soon.

Um, but we have some schools in our that we're in. And that are definitely have 20 buses without permanent drivers.

We are fortunate to have two, I believe it's two in the morning and three in the afternoon, or I might have it juxtaposed, might be three in the morning, two in the afternoon.

[@56:13](#) - **La Keisha**

Thank you.

[@56:14](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

But if you have that situation, you know, just send us an email and we'll try to escalate that through the Board of Education.

Thank you, ma'am. We are at 7 o'clock. I do not want to keep everybody, but I do need to say that we have 30 yeses, so our budget has been approved for next school year.

If I can just have maybe about five more minutes of everyone's time, just to quickly say that Books on the Ground is coming up on Friday.

We hope that you come out for those who have not done their fingerprints, for our kindergarten parents, or just parents who have never volunteered or never gone on a field trip before.

So thinking about going to Camp Schmidt, maybe you're thinking going to the seventh grade thing, I'm not sure what that was, Principal Hope, oh, Finance Park, Finance Park, maybe you're thinking about coming in and doing a pizza party and being present, you do have to have your volunteer paperwork in, we will have the volunteer fingerprinting office present, but if we do not get, at minimum, 15 people sign up, they will not come.

We currently only have three people sign up, so please, please make sure that you go ahead and sign up if you need to.

Additionally, I wanted to give Janay maybe two minutes if you can talk about something that's coming up after our read-a-thon.

Janay, are you still with us? Janay, you still with us? We might have lost her. Um, coming up. Can you hear me okay?

[@58:02](#) - **Janay Brown**

Oh, yeah.

[@58:03](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Yay, Janay, go ahead.

[@58:05](#) - **Janay Brown**

I'm super excited to say coming up September 24th to match with our back-to-school nights, we will be participating in our Scholastic Book Fair.

It will be from September 24th to October 3rd. We can really, really, really use some parent volunteers to come help the babies find some great selections.

This is going to be one of our first book fairs since COVID. And then something we have going on towards Christmas, we will have a shop at the school where all of the students will be able to buy gifts for their loved ones, and the store shop will start at \$0.25.

So if any of you are interested, please reach out to me or some of the other liaisons to let us know because we would love to have your assistance with more than one day, two, three, four.

I'm optimistic, and I'll say somebody's going to show up to all of these days and help our babies pick out books.

But we would love to have you guys there, along with all the books on the ground. And that's it, I'm not going to take up too much time.

[@59:08](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

No problem, and we have one more, Ms. Swan.

[@59:17](#) - **LaKeisha Swan**

Thank you. Also, shout out to all the Kishas in the room. I did just want to ask a quick question about the liaison.

So, the grade liaisons have already been assigned, or are you looking for a PTO liaison and a separate grade liaison?

It's just one liaison, right?

[@59:36](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

We have PTO liaisons. We are trying to connect with your groups.

[@59:41](#) - **LaKeisha Swan**

Okay, perfect. Okay, so the need seems like it's already there. Perfect. Just wanted to know.

[@59:47](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Yeah, so we know that there's group chats, we know that there's group me's, we know we are trying to connect with those, connect with those, and make sure that if you guys need anything, we're here.

And you know who. to contact on the PTO board.

[@1:00:02](#) - **April**

Yes, if you already have a GroupMe for your classes, please add the appropriate person so we can be there to answer questions for you all.

[@1:00:16](#) - **LaKeisha Swan**

I'm not sure if it was posted in the chat who the seventh grade liaison is, just so we can make sure they're already in the room.

Oh, perfect! Can you hang back for a second after everybody goes? I have a quick question for you.

[@1:00:30](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

I will send you my personal cell phone number.

[@1:00:35](#) - **LaKeisha Swan**

Bless you. Hey, Cherise, I just wanted to chime in really quick.

[@1:00:39](#) - **Danielle Wood**

Do we have any fourth grade parents on the call? Because I am your liaison, and I would like to be added to your chat.

[@1:00:47](#) - **Shavaughn**

I am. I'm not aware of a chat, though. This is Siobhan Ross speaking.

[@1:00:52](#) - **Danielle Wood**

Oh, okay. Clark, I just saved your information.

[@1:00:55](#) - **Janay Brown**

will reach out to you. Thank you.

[@1:00:57](#) - **iPhone**

Thank you. And my son is in the first grade...

ACTION ITEM: Compile & share PTO grade liaison list in PTO GroupMe chat - [WATCH](#)

[@1:01:00](#) - **Janay Brown**

I don't know who the liaison is, and I'm not aware of the I put it inside the chat. I can place it in there again for you.

[@1:01:07](#) - **Shavaughn**

Okay. Thank you, Janay. You're welcome.

[@1:01:09](#) - **Danielle Wood**

Also, can, this evening after the call, I can put a list in our PTO group me with each liaison from the PTO and their name so that we can have it in one spot.

[@1:01:23](#) - **Kenya Alexander**

Did somebody say there was a fourth grade group me that someone was putting in the chat?

[@1:01:32](#) - **Danielle Wood**

I don't think that you asked the group me. No, think Danielle was asking if there was one.

[@1:01:39](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

And just another thing that we're working on, I know everyone is trying to get linked in with the group me's, the PTO is currently working with the BDF staff to try to establish a class dojo account so we can send out announcements, reach out to the parents, so if you're not getting in the communication.

For some reason, via email, in the group me chats, or I post information on Instagram to keep you guys informed.

Just let us know. So that's to come.

[@1:02:24](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Thank you. And so seeing as I think we got, oh, we have one more question. Barry? Leslie Berry?

[@1:02:32](#) - **Leslie Berry**

Hey. I'm actually trying to remember what I was going to ask, so apologies. I will just send an email.

Oh, just kidding. You can't make it to me. I apologize. So for the signing up for the one-off events, is there a centralized list of upcoming events that you would like volunteers for, just so that we can map out a calendar?

ACTION ITEM: Create/send Sign Up Genius link for Scholastic Book Fair volunteers (Sep 24-Oct 3) - [WATCH](#)

Or, you know, I knowordnung. Jenae, were mentioning, like, message you directly, just what is the preferred structure there?

ACTION ITEM: Create/send Sign Up Genius link for Books on Ground event volunteers (Sep 8) - [WATCH](#)

[@1:03:05](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

So we typically send out a link through Sign Up Genius. Jenae and I both talked about it. We had a great meeting on Saturday, and then both of us got caught up with family stuff all weekend, and we just did not get the link together.

So we'll have that together no later than tomorrow morning. But typically we do Sign Up Genius, and we break it down by blocks of hours, because we know sometimes people can't be there.

The whole time, yeah, and we also do, um, thinking about Field Day, for example, like, maybe some people can't come for Field Day at all, but they might want to donate ice or water.

We'll do things like that, if that event calls for something like that.

[@1:03:47](#) - Leslie Berry

Okay, and is there, like, um, I see the financial screen right here, but is there a calendar or, like, a way that we can get the full list?

Just so...

[@1:04:00](#) - PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)

So that we can plan in advance for events or will they just come out one-off sign-ups that I guess that's what I'm trying to figure out like it comes it comes out of one-off sign-ups um and the reason why we're hesitant to release things is because if we get a no-go then we've released all these things we built up anticipation and then we can't have it it can't happen um so we kind of try and get it out at least a couple of weeks ahead of time books on the ground feels a little wonky just because we really just started school last week but you'll see once we get the book fair one out that we kind of get it out there a good 30 days in advance um the book fair one is going to be a little bit less than 30 days in advance but from that point forward you you'll see that we normally get them out we get good reminders out um it's just that books on the ground is

really just right here at the beginning of the school year and that's why it's kind of a little like a fast-paced running you know like it's a short runway on this one right okay perfect thank you yep you

[@1:05:02](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

But please come out to Books on the Ground, we have a food truck, we have moon bounce, face painting, fingerprinting, this is your opportunity to meet other parents, to have your kids join together.

Yes, the school is doing pep rallies, they're doing everything in school, but this is your opportunity to see and meet the staff, so please, please, please come out.

[@1:05:27](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

It's from 5 to 8. And bring lawn chairs to sit on. This is like a family. Oh, and yeah, family park.

DJ too.

[@1:05:38](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Yes, DJ. got your fans, bring your fans. We just changed the theme. So it's going to be a good time.

You can wind down, let the kids run around, run off some energy. So when you go home, you can pass out, they can pass out, go to sleep.

Please come. It's like your back to school jam, but it's the Friday, prepare for the weekend. And we over the hurdle, please, please, please, please, please, please, come.

And before we end, Valencia, what's the food truck with the nachos that's coming? So, I tried to get Flavor Hive, if you guys are familiar with them.

I tried to get them. They just told me today they are unavailable, but they are going to refer me to another food truck.

But we do have one food truck on hand, which is Chicken Man.

[@1:06:30](#) - **Kenny Smith**

If you need any food trucks, I have a list of food trucks that have done several events for me.

ACTION ITEM: Coordinate w/ Kenny Smith re: additional food trucks for Books on Ground event - [WATCH](#)

You're in charge of food trucks.

[@1:06:44](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

I can't eat your food trucks. That's just fine.

[@1:06:48](#) - **Kenny Smith**

That's just fine.

[@1:06:50](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Please, can you connect with us after this?

[@1:06:53](#) - **Kenny Smith**

Yes.

[@1:06:54](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Because I know it's last minute, but we wanted to provide the parents with an opportunity. you. Um, to come out and, like, have different options, but right now, I just have the one food truck.

[@1:07:06](#) - **Kenny Smith**

So, yes, you're in charge of food trucks. about nine food trucks.

[@1:07:12](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Okay, that's perfect. Well, I guess I'll get some more details afterwards. Well, I can give you my direct number, so we can connect after this, uh, because I can get the emails out tonight.

So, I'll put it in the chat, and that works. Thank you so, so much.

[@1:07:31](#) - **Serena Dorsey**

Hey, Valencia, Charisse, the, um, event for Friday, is that BDF family only, or can, like, auntie come, and, like, orders this?

Bring them all.

[@1:07:41](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Bring them all.

[@1:07:42](#) - **Serena Dorsey**

all, okay. If they need, and if other schools need fingerprinting, tell them to come on, and. Got it.

[@1:07:49](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Okay, thanks, y Just make it, like, if they come, just make sure they sign up so we can get people on a list.

[@1:08:00](#) - **Janay Brown**

Because we'd love to have auntie at the book fair. number, but I'm putting mine in the check. We'd to have auntie at the book fair, so please have auntie come get her fingerprinting done at Books on the Gram.

[@1:08:11](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

And I'm sorry, I was running by my mouth, Kenny. I'm on it. I'm sending you my number directly.

[@1:08:17](#) - **Kenny Smith**

I just sent mine to whoever that is. I guess Valencia.

[@1:08:21](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

I'm Valencia, so...

[@1:08:22](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Valencia, I sent Kenny your number from the main account.

[@1:08:25](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Oh, it's in the chat now, so y'all can harass me if me be.

[@1:08:34](#) - **Kenny Smith**

I'm gonna shoot you a message.

[@1:08:37](#) - **Valencia Higgins**

Okay. And then also to add, not to keep us longer, even though we have things in place, parents, if you feel there's room for more opportunities to volunteer for the school, just know all parents are welcome.

It's no limitation. Lorie. Lorie. That's it. I promise. Let's That's

[@1:09:02](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Okay, so we're going to wrap this up like church, if all hearts and minds are clear and in sound agreeance, we're going to end today at 7 to 12.

Thank you so much for your attendance. We do have another PTO meeting coming up at the end of this month.

I believe it's like the 28th of like the very last week. But before then we have some back to school nights coming up.

I believe the 24th and the 25th. We also have our book, our Scholastics Book Fair coming up. And if you have not, if you're new to the school, please read your newsletter every Sunday night.

Please sign up for the PTL. Do your volunteer stuff. We hope to see you guys around the community soon.

[@1:09:48](#) - **Allison**

Thank you. Have a great night, everyone. Thank you. Have a good night.

[@1:09:54](#) - **Leslie Berry**

Thank you. Thank you.

[@1:09:55](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Thank Please sign in because I'm going to close. That it, as soon as I log off.

[@1:10:06](#) - **PTO Administration (bdfpto@gmail.com)**

Where is, now I don't know how to end this, Lord Jesus, where Chris is at when I do?

[@1:10:11](#) - **Keshia Hogue**

Yes, hold on.