



Benjamin D. Foulois PTO | SY24-25

General Body Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:03 by the Christopher Randolph (PTO President)

Attendance: 42 participants

- The meeting began with introductions, overview of the agenda, and the disclaimer was shared that the meeting was being recorded.

Old Business

A. Meeting Minutes

- a. Secretary read the meeting minutes from the August 29, 2024 General Body Meeting and the meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

B. Finance Committee

- a. **Treasurer shared the current financial report**
 - i. \$20,864.58 (Total Account Balance), \$15,714.69 (Operating Account), 4,965.73 (Principals Budget)
 - ii. Income and Revenue: \$520.99 (Membership Dues)
 - iii. Expenses: \$730.00 (August PTO Operating Expenses)
 - iv. One pending check for \$1,500 from SY23-24
 - v. All budgeting reports are kept on file for three years

Questions

- **What is the principal's account used for?** The Principal's account is used to pay for incentives for staff and students, field trips for students, and the needs of specific subgroups of students.

C. Membership Committee

- a. **Membership Chairperson shared the current Membership Committee report.**
 - i. Wednesday October 9: First Membership Committee Meeting
 - ii. PTO school Bulletin Board updated: stay up to date with PTO activities
 - iii. Participated in Back to School Night
 - iv. Request: All PTO members ensure dues are paid for this school year and all PGCPs volunteer requirements are completed if you are interested in serving as a volunteer.

Questions

- **Can there be an update to which class is winning the PTO membership drive?**
Update will be posted in the PTO Group Me

D. Delegate Committee

a. Delegate Chairperson shared the current Delegate Committee report

- i. No updates at this time from Dr. Kenneth Harris' 7th District Committee
 1. Has not presented the feedback from the BDF transportation committee meeting yet.
- ii. Upcoming Family Institute Topics
 1. 9/24 @ 6pm – 7:30pm Getting Ready for Parent-Teacher Conferences <https://https://%20LINKTR.EE/ENGAGEPGCPS>
 2. 9/26 @ 6pm – 7:30pm Parent Vue <https://https://%20LINKTR.EE/ENGAGEPGCPS>
- iii. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Public Hearing
 1. - 9/6 @ 6pm – 8m <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84960582132?pwd=QVNMOVFxADRFS3Zma2Y4Tlc5Qmc0dz09>
- iv. Updates from the BOE Public Hearing
 1. The following policies will be presented to the community for public comment:
 2. - Policy 51-21: grading and reporting for elementary and secondary students: provides guidelines for standardized grading, reporting grades to parents and students and grade changes
 3. - Policy 51-34: school clubs and organizations, this policy states how clubs and activities function within the schools
- v. Promote the Vote: October 15-November 6

E. President Updates

a. The PTO President shared the current Membership Committee report.

- i. Collaborated with the VP of Operations for Harvest Fest which will be a fall fundraiser for the PTO.
- ii. Created donation request letter. Will be printed for members to use when soliciting donations on behalf of the BDF PTO.
- iii. First meeting for the “Men of BDF” parent group was held on September 19, 2024
 1. Next meeting will be held on October 10, 2024

Questions

- **When are the committee's going to gather?** Once events are etched in stone, you should begin to see invites to attend committee meetings. The Fundraiser and Membership committee have already met once.
- **Are all PTO members supposed to be in GroupMe?** The GroupMe is a vehicle that is used to be able to communicate pertinent information with the general parent body. You must be a paying member in order to vote on PTO issues.

- **How can I get a recording to view the recording later on of the meeting?** The recordings are not made available for public consumption, however the minutes for the meetings are posted on the BDF PTO website for viewing.

F. Principal's Report and Questions from Members

a. Principal Hogue shares school information and updates

- i. Principal Hogue clarifies the purpose and the logistics of the Read-A-Thon fundraiser.
- ii. Parent/Teacher conferences options and sign ups have been communicated with parents. Some grade levels have opted to make additional dates and times available for conferences in order to ensure more parents can have a conference, however the additional dates can not be mandated by the school.
- iii. Please ensure that you have met all of the requirements in order to volunteer. All requirements must be met prior to being approved to chaperone or volunteer.

Questions

- **Will we start doing more academic field trips for the kids?** Students do attend academic field trips depending on the grade level
- **Will 7th grade parents have an additional opportunity to set up parent teacher conferences?** No, as previously shared additional conference times can not be mandated, however you can contact the grade level administrator in order to schedule a conference during teachers designated planning time if you are unable to secure a conference time during the designated times provided for parent/teacher conference day.
- **Who should the background check approvals be sent to once confirmation has been received?** Ms. Gorham. Send a copy of your receipt and certificate of completion from the Safe School Video.