

**Bonnie Brae Elementary School PTO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2024**

**I. Call to Order: 6:03 PM ET**

**II. Attendance**

**In attendance:**

- **Board Members:** Sarah Barnett, Michelle Atkin, Kelly Argyros, Erica Witty, John Fuller
- **BBES Administration:** Mr. Birge

**III. Welcome**

- **Principal and Staff's Welcome**
  - Math and Literacy Night was a success! Thanks to everyone who came.
  - Thanks to the PTO for Stock the Shelves - staff really appreciated it.
  - December Days of Cheer
    - Ms. Vershaw will be in contact with the PTO for what is needed.
    - Event will be called the 12 Days of Cheer (start on the 5th or 6th)
    - Parent Coffee coming up on Friday November 22 in the library.
      - Literacy and Language Arts theme
    - Friday November 22 is spirit day/hat day.
  - Renovation update:
    - Addition should have a roof by the end of January.
    - Hope the addition will be done by the end of summer.
      - Will have a better idea of the exact date by January.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

- \$3200 from Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
- \$3500 from Fall Festival

**V. VP Programs**

- **After School Programs and Assemblies**
  - **After School Programs**
    - Winter after school programs signups will begin in early December - the Committee is finalizing offerings now.
    - After school programs are considered a community-building program, not a fundraiser.
  - **Assemblies**

- Assembly with Mr. Jenifer. Not organized by the PTO, but a successful assembly - the kids loved it!
- **Events**
  - Next event is the Staff Basketball game in March.

## **VI. VP Fundraising**

- **Fundraisers**
  - \$530 from Chick-fil-A.
  - Cardinal gymnastics will be rescheduled.
  - November 12 was Wendy's restaurant night - we do not have a total yet.
  - iCode had the largest enrollment from Bonnie Brae so far for their upcoming Game Night - we had to ask them to expand to 30 seats.
  - Fairfax Ice Arena - family social on December 8.
  - Five Guys restaurant night: December 10.

## **VII. Upcoming Highlights**

- Staff lists of favorite things and Amazon Wish Lists are up on the website so parents can use that as a resource.
- We would like to increase traffic to use the website more to help prevent using extra paper/waste.
- Looking for volunteers for the Read-a-Thon.
- We have a volunteer for President-elect! John Fuller, who also substitutes at Bonnie Brae and is a Bonnie Brae grandparent has volunteered for the role.
  - John will shadow Suheyla this year and then will become the President next year.
- Motion made to vote John in as President-Elect. The motion passed.
- PTO inclusion updates:
  - Best Buddies program - faculty-led but the PTO inclusion committees is sponsoring it.
  - Partners kids with disabilities with kids without disabilities.
  - Looking to start a parent support group for kids with IEPs and other needs to help provide resources and support.
  - Inclusive schools week (same week as December Days of Cheer) - Theme is "Every Voice Matters" - discussed having some kids record something for the morning announcements.
    - Paraprofessionals and special ed teacher recognition (maybe a breakfast or something similar).
- Looking for a new spirit wear vendor.
  - Hoping to have this finalized by January.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting closed at 7:18 pm ET.