**BRMES Second Quarter PTA Membership Meeting**

**November 2nd, 2023 at 8:15AM in Room 263**

**Agenda:**

Welcome and Introduction of Board Members:

President - Anna Kinney; Vice President - Elise Bitton; Treasurer- Kristina Paulson; Secretary - Beth Wadlow

In attendance: Shannon Milner, Terri Soelberg, Leigh Brown, Deike Schuett, Anna Kinney, Jennet Gray, Katy Jones, Brooke Caldwell, Laura Hernandez, Jodi Currie, Mandi Tyler, and Principal Val Berg. Superintendent Eric Pingrey joined us.

Meeting started: 9:18

Introductions around the table.

**PTA Business:**

* Approve Standing Rules for 2023-2024 school year
* Officers elected to 2-year terms
* 8 for a quorum
* Brooke motions to approve, Katy seconds. All approve.
* Tortoise and Hare Debrief
* Total funds raised: $12,573 (+$218) – Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers, staff, and students!
* Prizes distributed this week
* Proposed changes for next year to optimize experience for students, staff, and volunteers:
* Most laps awarded as a class average per grade
* Bracelets given for every lap completed (including final lap after horn is blown)

All in agreement that these are positive changes. Timing was discussed: Less time for younger kids, longer for older kids. Discussion about in future form printed on envelope or envelope included next time. Discussion to create an online link and form possibly for next year.

* Annual Budget – Kristina
* Budget Committee update. (Chairperson appointed?)
* Vote to approve the annual budget

Discussion about 3k going into a 9 month CD. Kristina motioned to approve, Katy seconded. All in favor. Discussion about parent and community involvement, and how that category benefits the community.

Kristina motioned to approve, Katy approves. All in favor. Jenn Gray was appointed committee chair.

* T-shirt Contest
* Top 5 are in. Let’s vote!
* Voting took place on top 5 shirts. Number 4 is the winner! Anna will email the student’s name.
* Swag Store – Elise
* Items from the September order were distributed yesterday.
* If individual would like to place an additional order in the spring.

**Upcoming Events:**

* Holiday Craft Fair – Mandi, event and volunteer coordinator
* Thursday, November 30th from 3:30 to 5PM in the BRMES Gym
* Donated aprons to use for sorting money, available first come first serve.
* Ideal pricing is $2 or less. We have forms to hand out to kiddos. Numbers will be placed on tables this year, so that students can hopefully be closer to their friends. A good majority of people bring their own tables. Val and Mandi will discuss if possible to provide all tables. Discussion of getting posters printed, Mandi will tackle that. Jodi will grab some bags from Albertsons, Mandi will tackle that. Val’s student council will tackle water bottles to drink as well as music and a microphone.
  + - * Signs for what line to be in. Val will communicate timing with parents.
      * Volunteers who are interested can communicate with Mandi to see if she needs additional helpers.
* Yearbooks – Katy, committee chair
* Anonymous suggestion to incorporate some t-shirt designs in yearbook
* Committee plans: Katy will contact members in January/February to make a plan for assisting in the yearbook.
* Yearbook purchase deadline: April 2024
* 3rd Quarter Membership Meeting: Thursday, February 8th at 3:30PM in room 263
  + - Depending on turnout, our last meeting may possibly be at 3:30 as well. Anna will bring snacks in case children are present.

**Update/Q&A with Principal Berg**

* The monthly principal’s newsletter went out last night. We will have a box float Thanksgiving parade on Monday of Thanksgiving week.
* Superintendent Pingrey Update:
  + Housing is a huge need in our community and impacts our ability to hire new teachers. Phase 1 of the district’s housing project (8 units, 35 doors with 1-2 bedrooms and 3-bedroom cottages. Unused units could be offered to support McCall FD and PD house as well.) was set to be ready for the 2024 hiring season and broke ground 4 months early. Unfortunately, progress was halted by the sewer district and the city after they significantly increased the project’s budget by requiring an expanded scope, which includes reworking existing city sewer infrastructure. The district currently has seven teacher spots without certified teachers and one open spot at the high school. Superintendent Pingrey has been waiting two months to get on the City Council agenda. He is currently awaiting opportunity/scheduling to meet with the mayor.
  + Survey will be coming out to provide district with information on families’ needs for growth. BRMES and PLMC are both already full. One option to accommodate further growth is to split into two grade schools (K-2 and 3-5). Another potential adaptation would be to construct a new high school with improved athletic fields, auditorium, and CT programs.
  + Funding now tied to attendance. Schools’ funding is directly proportional to attendance. Families with absent students encouraged to contact Miss Donna in the front office to discuss online learning options to facilitate funding when students are not at school.
  + Early Childhood Learning Center now open.
  + Donnelly Elementary School project is completed.
  + New district website will now auto-populate principals’ postings to social media. Continued efforts to have excellent communication throughout the district.