

BSPTO Meeting Minutes - June 8th, 2021

Jamie Speck, President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The May 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve: Afsana Hussain. Motion seconded: Jesal Kothari. Minutes approved.

Those in attendance were:

Board members: Jamie Speck, Afsana Hussain, Jesal Kothari, Anjana Nair

Parents: Anastasia Glasser, Heather Worsham, Heidi Grossaint, Karen Dow, Katie Hickenbottom, Murilo Belluzo, Shannon Pynter, Bintu Foday, Krissy/Scott Carrier, Kimberly Hawk

Principal/Teachers: Toni Rosenquist

Jamie opened the meeting with a message about the Race Card Project regarding honest thoughts on race. For an archive that includes a full spectrum of views and life experiences, go to <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/our-honest-hidden-thoughts-on-race-captured-in-just-six-words>.

Principal's Report

- Nine staff will be leaving Bethany Elementary for the 2021-22 school year, including two classroom teachers, due to the decreased projected enrollment of 470 students. A message will be sent out and posted in the Bobcat on 6/10 with details.
- The school will be closed over the summer for asbestos abatement and seismic upgrades.
- The Fifth Grade Celebration will occur on 6/16 from 9-12pm.
- Consideration is being given to the One School One Book program for the coming school year wherein all grades read the same book or read it with families. Among those being considered is "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate.
- Options for a more accessible playground will be pursued through the BSD Facilities department. Heidi and Shannon suggested a parent Playground Team could be formed to support this endeavor. Jamie recently talked with a representative from the BSD Safety department about the need to improve the playground as well.

President's Report

- Many thanks to families who completed the Google survey and/or donated to the BSPTO Write-A-Check Spring fundraiser campaign. Thus far there has been \$295 in checks collected and \$995.61 in PayPal donations.

- There are still many opportunities for parent volunteers to help with vital BSPTO-related activities for 2021-22 such as Staff Appreciation, the Variety Show, the Garden Club, the Green Team, the Haunted Hallway (a fifth grade fundraiser), the Spring fundraiser aka Jog-a-Thon, Clothes For Kids and Walk and Roll. Please reach out at president@bspto.org if you have questions or are interested in any of these important programs. There has been discussion of creating some after school clubs, including one related to the Geoquest program. Jesal suggested a yoga-centered club might be beneficial as well.

Vice President's Report

- The May dinner fundraiser from Chipotle netted \$112.27.
- Donations through AmazonSmile purchases from Jan. 1 - March 31 were \$186.42.
- The last fundraiser is Saturday, June 12 from noon - 10pm at Menchie's in Tanasbourne. The owner is raffling off an ice cream cake and cups of yogurt to anyone who takes a picture of themselves eating a Menchie's treat and posts it on <https://www.facebook.com/BSPTO/> or send it to president@bspto.org.

Treasurer's Report

- BSPTO has \$71,707.50 on deposit. Our current Operating Fund for budgeted items is \$24,635.30. The Garden Fund has a zero balance and \$2752.42 remains in the Reserve Restricted Fund. We have unallocated funds (funds unspent in the General Fund) of \$38,228.18. There is \$1591.81 remaining in the Capital Improvement Fund and \$4499.83 in the Fundraising Reserve Fund.
- The budget adopted for 2021-22 totals \$48,435.
- Fundraising will need to be an important focus next year since BSPTO earned tens of thousands of dollars less this year after being unable to hold the Jog-a-Thon.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

- A new Volunteer Coordinator is needed for 2021-22! Many parents have been approached for this position but it remains vacant at this time. Training and support will be provided by the current Volunteer Coordinator and BSD and it is a position that is easily handled from home. Please reach out to volunteer.coordinator@bspto.org if you have questions or are interested.

Green Team Report

- The Green Team is seeking a co-leader for 2021-22. Please reach out to parentgreenteamlead@bspto.org if you have questions or are interested. The Green

Team is also looking for new members who would like to become more educated about sustainable practices and raising ecological awareness.

- The last Green Team event this year is an Adopt-a-Road event on 6/10 at 3pm.

Garden Club Report

- The Eco-Schools Network and Vego Gardens have provided Bethany with two new garden bed kits which will need assembling when they arrive. Toni bought one for herself and said it isn't hard to put together but it is time-consuming, so many garden-loving volunteers will be sought to help with this project.
- The Garden Club needs new leaders for 2021-22 to continue providing students with this excellent program! It is an after-school activity with an established curriculum. Please reach out to parentgreenteamlead@bspto.org if interested.

Board Elections

Elections for the 2021-22 school year were held per BSPTO by-laws:

- **Jamie Speck** was nominated for President by Kimberly. Seconded by Shannon. Motion approved.
- **Heather Worsham** was nominated for President Elect by Heidi. Seconded by Murilo. Motion approved.
- **Heidi Grossaint** was nominated for Vice President by Murilo. Seconded by Afsana. Motion approved.
- **Elizabeth Staly** was nominated for Secretary by Kimberly. Seconded by Afsana. Motion approved.
- **Anastasia Glasser** was nominated for Treasurer by Heather. Seconded by Katie. Motion approved.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Jamie Speck at 8:04 pm.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Kimberly Hawk.