



Blairstown Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)  
November 13, 2019

Present:

Erinn Allison, President  
Annie Dato, Vice President  
Teesha Pagano, Treasurer  
Tina Malcolm, Secretary

12 Members in Attendance (Names on File)  
1 Guest in Attendance (Name on File)

Meeting Commenced at 1902

WELCOME: Erinn welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the Board.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

**President:** Erinn began by announcing the date of the BMX group coming to BES. That date will be March 13, 2019.

**Vice President:** Annie announced that our membership count is now at 166 members. For Head Room Parents, they have been provided with guides for the Holiday Teacher Gifts.

**Treasurer:** Teesha updated that our Spirit Walk final numbers were slightly under what was predicted, but still good. Due to the increase of members, we have more in the membership dues category. In regards to Paypal, it has again been stressed that anyone paying the PTG via PayPal needs to use the "Friends & Family" option. Although we are a non-profit, PayPal will still charge us a fee if the "Services or Goods" option is used. For our Amazon Smile account, we have received a check of just over \$26 recently.

**Secretary:** Tina made mention to any Committee members to remind her if they need social media posts, mass emails, or Remind Announcements sent for their respective events. As this is all still new, there's a slight learning curve to knowing what everyone is going to want.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS:

**Gertrude Hawk:** Claire reported on the success of the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser that completed this week. Over \$8,000 in sales were made! We are given a percentage of that total, and the total amount will be reported when finalized.

**Bear Wear:** Recent changes have been made to the Bear Wear Committee. Due to other personal obligations, Jen Unick has stepped down from the Bear Wear Committee. In the interim, Tina Malcolm will assume the role.

**Book Fair:** The information packets were distributed to the teachers today. The theme for this year's Book Fair is Polar Arctic.

**SSW:** This event will be held on Saturday, December 6. Sixth graders will be there as elves, to assist the children with their shopping lists. Parents will be able to shop the vendors while their children are with the elves. Historically, this event wasn't intended to be a money making event for the PTG. It has been done out of tradition for many decades. However, in recent years, it has now become a fundraising event that has been bringing in over \$3000 in profits for the PTG.

**Box Tops:** Our latest Box Tops fundraiser brought in just over \$261.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Treasurer:** The term for our current Treasurer is up at the end of this school year. Applications will be accepted soon to fill that position.

**New Committee:** A new committee has been formed for the research and implementation of new playground equipment. The Playground Committee is currently under the leadership of Elisa Diego.

**Dr. Elias:** Dr Elias was on the agenda to attend and present some new information, however, due to family illness, she was unable to attend.

#### Q&A

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 2003.