



## PTG MEETING MINUTES 10/1/2018

BES Library @ 7pm

*Erinn Allison, President*

*Annie Dato, Vice President*

*Teesha Pagano, Treasurer*

*Elisa Diego, Secretary*

*Meeting commenced at 7:02pm*

### *NEW BUSINESS:*

#### *WELCOME:*

- 1. Erinn welcomed all to the first open meeting of the school year. Discussed openings for some committees, Box Tops being one of them. A member present volunteered to co chair.*
- 2. Anne discussed HRP/CC. All but 1 class (pre school) had not yet been filled by a HRP. Guidelines had been sent out to all HRP.*

#### *MEMBERSHIP:*

- 1. Anne announced an increase in membership this year compared to last year, with more teachers/aides becoming active members. 143 new members including approximately 36 NEW members & 26 teachers/aides. Enrollment is still open and ongoing throughout the year.*
- 2. \$10 dues MUST be included when form is submitted.*

#### *IRS UPDATE:*

- 1. Elisa shared with the group the status of 501c3: as of the meeting date, the Board had not yet been given a determination of status. However, in late August, a form had been sent by the IRS to confirm some information. The information required was then sent back via fax on 9/5/18.*
- 2. A re-cap was given at the meeting for all members, especially for those new members as to what had transpired back in March 2018. Penalties were incurred from 2009 in approximately \$6,200.00. Two hundred eighteen dollars & seventy-five cents (218.75) was actually paid by the PTG; however the remainder was paid by an anonymous donor(s). In June, a letter requesting penalties be returned to the PTG was submitted, explaining circumstances, our due diligence in re filling, and to hopefully return monies to donor. In August, the PTG was refunded all penalties & interest. Anonymous donor has been notified and wishes to remain so. Their request is to have the monies remain in the PTG fund and not be returned to them.*

#### *UPCOMING EVENTS:*

- 1. Fall plant sale was unable to move forward due to schools unknown start date; unable to provide families with info on sale in a timely manner. Will be planning our Spring Plant sale in April. Spiritwalk is on 10/5 (rain date 10/19). Gertrude Hawk sale 10/29-11/9. Bear Wear sale in time for Spiritwalk; however some items were unable to be delivered on time due to a computer glitch. Jen Unick provided some insight as to ow Expressive Stitches was able to have those customers have shirts (and that they were able to keep for free) for SW. Another sale will be taking place in November. in time for*

holidays. Box Tops will be running the first of three contests starting 10/5-10/17. Santa's Secret Workshop will be on Saturday Dec 1, with over 40 vendors present, a selfie station, arts, crafts and much more. Scholastic book fair will be held on 12/10-12/14.

2. Next meeting is on November 1, 2018 @ 7pm

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

1. Teesha reviewed the budget and it was noted that our assemblies total budget needed to be increased to due rising costs of NY Times Best Selling Author visits. A vote was taken and unanimously voted 'YES' to increase budget to \$4000.00.

2. A \$25.00 check return fee has been implemented.

3. A discussion about using a PayPal account was introduced. Once the PTG's 501c3 status is reinstated, we will revisit this opportunity again.

#### NEW LOGO:

1. The PTG asked its members if they'd like to redesign the current tree logo. All entries can be submitted to [ptgblairstown@gmail.com](mailto:ptgblairstown@gmail.com)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA:

1. The PTG has several ways to communicate with our members:

REMIND APP: text 81010, class code is @blairst,

FACEBOOK: Blairstown Elementary School Parent Teacher Group

WEBSITE: [www.blairstownptg.weebly.com](http://www.blairstownptg.weebly.com)

MAILING: PO Box 255 Blairstown NJ 07825

#### Q&A:

1. Discussions about what to improve within the school: To Update or completely upgrade the current playground (swings, climbing- more for the older children in grades 4-6). Perhaps adding more features to blacktop; a gaga pit, more basketball courts, more wall ball, etc.

2. Suggestions on some assemblies were: KINDNESS FOR CHRISTOPHER & THE SIGNATURE PROJECT.

#### MR. LEAL

1. Welcomed all past and new members. Is very happy and eager to collaborate with the PTG to do great things for our students, staff and school.

Meeting concluded at 8:30pm