

Blairstown Elementary School  
Parent Teachers Group (PTG)  
June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Erinn Allison, President

Anne Dato, Vice President

Teesha Pagano, Treasurer

Elisa Diego, Secretary

Approximately 9 members(names on file)

Mr. Leal, Principal

Dr. Elias, Director of Curriculum

Mr. Saalfeld, Superintendent

Meeting commenced at 7:06pm

WELCOME: Erinn welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Saalfeld began the meeting with a few words. He stated his appreciation for the efforts that the PTG and its members have done for our school, teachers, staff and families. He also introduced and congratulated Dr. Elias as our new principal for the upcoming school year.

OFFICERS REPORT:

**President-** Erinn informed the members that she and Anne had met with Dr. Elias previously and were happy to say that the PTG will continue to work with Administration to bring new and exciting changes to BES. On behalf of the entire PTG, the Board presented a token (plant) of appreciation and dedication to Mr. Leal for all that he has done at BES. We wish Mr. Leal a happy retirement!

**Vice President-** Anne informed members that HRP would be sending out the end of year letters out very soon. On behalf of the PTG, the Board presented Elisa with a plant, to express their gratitude for her service as the secretary for the last 4 years.

**Secretary-** Elisa's official last meeting as Board Secretary. She addressed the members of the Board, Mr. Leal, for a wonderful partnership over the last four years. She was happy to be a part of something great for our school and is looking forward to pursue other ways to enhance BES.

**Treasurer-** Teesha announced that the PAYPAL account has been revised and now currently active. More information about how to use the service will be provided in the new school year.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Spring Plant Sale:** The plant sale held with Messina's was well received and profitable. We look forward to expanding the sale in the fall as well.

**Teacher Appreciation Day:** The theme this year was bear picnic. Food was ordered from local eateries as well as donations from the committee. It was a wonderful event and appreciated by our teachers and staff.

**Tricky Tray:** Approximately 160 people in attendance. 107 pre sale tickets were sold for this event that took place on June 1. Cassie brought experience, new ideas and a clear vision for how the TT would be. It was successful and well received by all!

**BES Skate Night:** Jamie Oatley stated that 115 people attended this event. It was well received and many families are looking forward to the next one. It was suggested to have this event take place 2-3 times during the school year.

**Bear Wear:** The flash sale in time for track & field day sold 15 orders totaling \$648.00. Orders will be going home with students on Wednesday. It was recommended to keep one heat press item available all year to purchase.

Voting on the new Board Secretary was held by paper ballot for the PTG members only. Cristina Malcolm was voted unanimously YES as the new PTG Board Secretary for the next 3 years! Welcome and congratulations Tina!

Voting on the teacher's wish list was postponed. The total amount of requested items exceeded the amount the PTG Board was willing to spend. It was recommended that the board re visit the list with Dr. Elias to make necessary adjustments. We will hold a small meeting for a vote as soon as a final compromise has been reached.

Lastly, Mr. Leal commended the Board and the PTG members for all they do for BES. He thanked Mrs. Diego for her time and efforts during her time as secretary. Mr. Leal spoke about a special dedication to Mr. Tom Gross, which is to held on June 8, 2019 at 11:00am.

Meeting adjourned 8:37pm

Present:

Erinn Allison, President

Anne Dato, Vice President

Elisa Diego, Secretary

Approximately 7 members present (names on file)

Dr. Elias, Director of Curriculum

June 11, 2019

Meeting commenced at 3:32pm

#### **UPDATE ON WISH LISTS.**

On Tuesday June 11, @ 3:30 a meeting was held to finally vote on the Teacher's Wish lists that had been postponed from last meeting. Erinn & Anne had met with Dr. Elias and were able to reduce the amount from 24,000.00 to approximately 16,000.00. These revisions now allowed ALL teachers to receive at least one item from the wish lists.

A paper ballot vote was distributed to PTG members in attendance and it was unanimously voted YES. New guidelines will be imposed in the future with regards to the wish lists. More information will be available in the upcoming school year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm