**September 14, 2020**

**GENERAL PTO MEETING**

**Start time:** 7:00pm

**Adjourned time**: 8.00p

**Meeting:** Zoom Meeting

**Discussion:**

1. **JUNE General Board minutes**reviewed by PTO members

- Voted for Approval: 1st by Brian Sinkoff and seconded by Victor Franco (approved by all with no opposition)

2. BCMS PTO Executive Board members 2020-2021

-Introduced the BCMS PTO 2020-2021 Executive Board

* Chandra (CiCi) Andrews- President
* Brian Sinkoff- Vice President
* Allison Russo- Treasurer
* Shaina Mathews- Co-Secretary
* Shilpa Hongalgi- Co-Secretary
* Kristen Kuhn- Hospitality & Volunteering Coordinator
* Victor Franco- Membership Coordinator

-PowerPoint presentation was shared in zoom meeting and presented.

-BCMS PTO Facebook available, by answering 3 security questions

-BCMS PTO contact information given

-PTO meetings to be held online via Zoom Meeting & will be posted on the website

-Vote needed to add new Board members for the year 2020-2021

* Shilpa Hongalgi (Co-secretary),
* Kristen Kuhn- Hospitality & Volunteering Coordinator
* Victor Franco- Membership Coordinator
* Proposed by Chandra Andrews and seconded by Brian Sinkoff (approved by all with no opposition).

1. Fundraising 2020-2021

* Is expected to be less this year
* Goal for 500 membership, Prices have been changed from last year, it will be discussed by Victor (Membership Coordinator)
* Spirit wear: 3 New t-shirts designed, flyer is out and will start for sales today onwards. Sale will run for 2 weeks. Goal is $750 per budget.
* Coupon Books: 100% online, School receives 40% of each sale, Books shipped directly to homes. Will start in October & run for 3 weeks. Goal is $4500 per budget.
* Agenda Books: Designed pictures were by BCMS students through art contest that was held on April 2020. Books can purchase by online through BCMSPTO.org website. Each student is required to have an agenda planner.
* Helping out: New this year are funds available for students in need & for COVID supplies.
* We are supporting local businesses and will try to make purchases through local vendors. For the year 2019-2020, gift certificates to a local restaurant were given to all teachers and staff in lieu of luncheon.

1. Upcoming Activity: Basketball Workout by Steve Dagostino scheduled for Thursday 9/24/2020 at 5:15pm.

* Half hour session, cost will be $100
* Proposed by Brian Sinkoff and seconded by Chandra Andrews
* Voting done by via email
* All approved with no opposition.

1. Treasurer Plan:

* This year budget plan will look different. Funding has been reallocated to items that have been impacted by COVID – including online learning.
* Each grade has a guest speaker budgeted instead of a field trip fund. After school activities are on hold for now but a budget has been set aside for Spring or online activities. New budget for SEL to support guidance counselors.
* Total budget $25,264.26. Excess budget from 2019-2020 was transferred into savings.
* Budget: Voted for Approval: 1st by Victor Franco and seconded by Kristen Kuhn (approved by all with no opposition)

1. Hospitality & Volunteering Plan

* Will be organizing a few virtual classes for students
* They can be organized by any parent/teacher/staff or another adult. A PTO board member or school staff member will be the moderator for each event.
* To help with coordination, we have sign-up sheets in our BCMS PTO website, signup genius or email to PTO directly.
* Community Virtual event: Girls in the Run, contact Kristen Kuhn for further details.
* Teacher & Staff Welcome Back breakfast is scheduled for 9/25/2020. It’s to welcome back and show appreciation for our teachers & staff. Parents may contribute Dunkin Donut gift cards toward the event.

1. Membership Plan

* Our goal is to have 500 membership this year. We need to hit the mark.
* Currently, we have 110 memberships
* There is 3 levels of membership
  + Bronze: $20
  + Silver: $50 (included with BCMS T-shirt)
  + Gold: $100 (included with BCMS T-shirt &Tote)
* This year there will be no Directory Spot. Contact information & resources will be available to members via a Google Doc.
* Sources for employer to match donation. Contributions are tax deductible.
* October will be Membership Month

1. Spirit Wear sale

* Chandra Andrews will be the main contact
* Flyer will be sent out via email
* Sale is 100% online
* Starts today 9/14/2020 ends 9/28/2020, 2 wks to get it.
* Two option to receive merchandise:

Buy the item and it will be shipped to your home.

Buy the item and pick it up from Sawyer’s Printing in Delmar. Items should be available around mid-October.

1. Coupon Books

* Books are $25 & school receives $10 for each book sold.
* Mostly all local business are available; such as sporting goods, restaurants.
* Books will be mailed out to each home (none are available at school).
* Free T-shirt incentives for students based on sales
* Shilpa Hongalgi will be the main contact

1. Guest Speaker: Ms. Marucci & Ms. Young (BCMS Guidance counselors)

* Currently students & families have lots of stress, anxiety, fear
* All aspects impact: communities, home, school, classroom
* Home will be our first resource to help our kids all along.
* Lesson plans in classrooms: working effectively as a team, making decisions, work on coping skills
* Focusing Social emotional learning -6th/7th/8th graders
* 6th: zones of regulation, “beautiful me”
* 7th grade: mind up, mind body connection, building healthy relationship
* 8th grade: Transition to high school
* Reviewed resources available to students & families
* Power Point will be available in recorded session