

General PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	9/27/23	
Meeting Start Time:	6:30 pm	
Meeting End Time:	7:30 pm	
Meeting Location:	Middle School – Auditorium	
Attendees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtney Russell (President) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kotun Uruga (Vice-President) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Rakoczy (Vice-President) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jess Kansas (Treasurer) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Muniz (Co-Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Fitzgerald (Co-Secretary) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Krista Applebee (Hospitality & Volunteering Co-Coordinator) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Pattison (Hospitality & Volunteering Co-Coordinator) <input type="checkbox"/> Chandra Andrews (Member at Large) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Klugman (Principal)

Agenda	Details
Secretary	Motion to vote on approval of meeting minutes from Jun 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st motion: Jess • 2nd motion: Kotun • Meeting minutes approved no opposition
President Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Introduce the PTO Board members • Reminders- membership, Sprit wear Store, Movie Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Movie Night: Haunted Mansion on 05Oct2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PTO members are free ▪ Non members are \$25.00 • Healthy Kids and Farm to You Fest Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salads to student on 05Oct2023 ○ Volunteers are needed • Vote on by-laws update: Increase discretionary spending from under \$50 to under \$100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st motion: Jess ○ 2nd motion: Kotun ○ Approved no opposition
Vice-President Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of the Houses update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mohawk at 23.6% ▪ Patroon at 21.2%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hudson at 19.9% • PTO membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total is at 229 members ▪ Goal for the year is 375 members ▪ 31Oct2023 is the cut off for the lottery for gift cards • Gift distribution/gifts with membership orders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sliver: pen and note pad ○ Gold: Pend, note pad, and car magnet
Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is balanced
Hospitality & Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers needed for “salads to Students day” in school on 10/5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 shifts: 10:30 am – 12:15 pm and 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School news and updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non longer ADA compliant ▪ On 17Oct2023 there will be vote for the auditorium to be re-hab ▪ Fund Balance (\$4,000,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pays for emergencies • Small account is fully funded (no cost to public) can be used for building improvements ▪ When the scope of work was created for auditorium to the time the bids came in the cost when up (post pandemic) ○ Other improvements at the Middle school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fix roof, library re model (coming back in Jan2024)
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terri Egan, Bethlehem Chamber President presenting letter of award recognition for BCMS PTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Sprit Award has been awarded to the BCMS PTO ○ Award Ceremony will occur on 26Oct2023 at the Colonie Country Club • Bethlehem Public Library – Appointed Library Reps, Shannon and Rachael <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletter of website for events at the library ○ Volunteers are accepted ○ Study room and laptops available at the Library ○ Renovation coming - make suggestion for the teen room via suggestion box or online • Dr. Klugman, BCMS Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engagement survey for outside of school work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 60% of student did 2-4 activities ▪ 40% of student did nothing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When student do activities they are well adjusted and well connected ▪ Goal to get each student to do something ▪ Late busses every day (not on Tuesdays due to department meetings) ○ School clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any student can start a new club just need an adult to lead the club (parents can lead clubs) ▪ Each club has a google classroom - student can get the info for the club ▪ There are many clubs that range a variety of topics and interests. All students can join any of the clubs.
Adjournment	<p>Motion to vote on adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st motion: Virginia • 2nd motion: Kotun • Approved with no opposition