

Buckalew Elementary PTO Meeting September 1, 2023

11:30 AM Call to Order

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Tiffanie Lung
Second: Taylor Erickson
Passed unanimously

II. Introductions: Elizabeth Kutka, President

- What we do as a PTO (fundraising and what it pays for)
- Introduction of Executive Board

III. Principal's Report – Jill Price

- Thank you to parents
- Introduce Tonya Smith, AP, Angela Fonville, AP, Kathleen Points, Counselor
- Social Media – talk to teacher/level of problem before posting on public social media
- Portables – We have 3. State law is 22:1 student/teacher ratio. We can't control timeline of when teachers are moved around – it's at a district level. We have the same enrollment numbers as last year, but distribution has changed. We knew we were over capacity for 3rd and 4th but had to wait from district level at the last minute for teacher placements from other schools who had smaller enrollment than expected. Portables had been planned since last year, unrelated to new teachers starting at the last minute. Most elementary schools in our feeder system have portables - we are not alone
- Someone from bond planning is coming next meeting and can explain/answer questions on growth

IV. Officer's Reports – PTO Officers

a. Treasurer – Carrie Foster

- i. Monthly Financial Report
- ii. Great start on fundraising - spirit wear July/August, PTO memberships (low compared to normal), school supplies
- iii. Reviewed check request process and tax-exempt forms

b. VP Fundraising – Catherine Boeger

i. Box Tops / Kroger Rewards

- Carrie Fulham – rewards program
- Kroger: on Kroger app link Buckalew to your shopper's card and we get a portion of funds
- Box Tops: on Box Tops app search Buckalew and scan receipt into app.

ii. Community Partners

- Reviewed current partners and their level

iii. Spirit Wear – Audrey Innerst

- Successful summer sale \$4,300 profit
- Second sale delivered to classrooms mid/late October

c. VP Parent Involvement – Sarah Bartnick

i. Big Bear Little Bear

- Explanation of program
- Can still accommodate families if there is interest
- Successful kick off play date with 100 people in attendance

ii. Room Mom Kickoff Meeting next Friday

iii. Buddy the Bear

- Great list of volunteers – need some more volunteers for Boosterthon week for Buddy and his special helper

iv. Spirit Nights

- Outline of proposed Spirit Nights for the year
- \$600 profit on Chick-fil-A last week

v. Volunteers – Jenny Bardoux

1. Volunteer lists explained – general vs library
2. 190 volunteers on email list currently. Link in Buzz/PTO website to be added to these lists.

d. Secretary – Janelle Kemp

i. Hospitality – Tiffanie Lung

- Explanation of teacher luncheons and plan for parent donations twice a year instead of every month
- Looking for businesses to sponsor lunches

e. Parliamentarian – Brooke Roberts

i. Open PTO positions for the 2023-2024 school year

- All volunteer positions filled as of today
- Everyone needs to fill out a volunteer application online and specify Buckalew. Papers given today and link in Buzz.

ii. Book Fair – Katie Bonilla

- Sept 19th-22nd. Reviewed merchandise (books and journals only, no school supplies) and payment options (ewallet or cash)
- Volunteers needed for preview days and book fair days – sign up genius has been sent out

iii. Skate Time – Jill Rider

- 2nd-4th grade roller skating in PE class Sept 11th-22nd
- Option to pay for another student is located on the sign up link
- Many volunteers needed for every day of this program – through sign up genius

V. Upcoming Dates – See List

- September 19th – last day to sign up for PTO and get a printed directory (not online)
-email Felisha buckalewptosocialmedia@gmail.com by 9/19 to opt out

Next PTO Meeting: October 13, 2023 – With CISD Bond Presentation

Meeting Adjourned 12:26 PM

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

October 13
November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 1
April 5
May 3

Attendees:

1. Sarah Bartnick
2. Janelle Kemp
3. Taylor Erickson
4. Shannon Molerres
5. Leah Jones
6. Rachel Simpson
7. Jenny Bardoux
8. Kristen Stocker
9. Kristen Dvorsky
10. Christine Schaible
11. Michelle Tran
12. Tracy Caimi
13. Bridgette Blevins
14. Jill Rider
15. Katie Bonilla
16. Holly Dickens
17. Brittany Houck
18. Alena Fontenot
19. Alicia Yarrish
20. Manisha Wolan
21. Jennifer Alsdurf
22. Vasiliki Christaki
23. Kerry Spencer
24. Charita Ussery
25. Bradley Spratt
26. Tiffanie Lung
27. Julie Morton
28. Andrea de los Santos
29. Vanessa Gamiz
30. Celita Lewis
31. Rachel Johnson
32. Audrey Innerst
33. Myranda Wright
34. Jose Faulk

35. Katie Kmiecik
36. Ashley Butts
37. M. Andrea Rodriguez
38. Hector Rodriguez
39. Casey Cruise
40. Mary Beth Cruise
41. Reka Cumbo
42. Shi Kongjuan (Judy)
43. Brooke Roberts
44. Elizabeth Kutka
45. Carrie Foster
46. Catherine Boeger
47. Felisha Hennessey