

# Bells Mill Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

## PTA General Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2021

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### Call to Order

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:32 p.m.

### Attendance

A total of 37 individuals from the school community attended the meeting.

### Welcome & Call to Order

### Treasurer's Report

- Budget & Membership Status – 181 family memberships, 21 teacher memberships. Running a deficit budget this year.

### Volunteer Recognition & Opportunities

- Recent Activities
  - Spirit Wear - new styles added and option to help purchase shirts for students in need at our school
  - Restaurant Night fundraisers – November 17 at Chipotle for our next fundraiser; \$770 raised to date
  - November Shout Outs to Magic and Muffins volunteers, Room Parent Program, Bells Mill Liaisons for MCCPTA Committees
- Upcoming volunteer needs
  - Yearbook – done thru Freed Photography (kit provided)
  - Read-a-thon – communications/outreach volunteer, data volunteer
  - Teacher Appreciation – holiday help needed
  - After School Enrichment
  - Green Schools – energy auditing and other environmental opportunities

### Upcoming Activities

- Outdoor Movie (Amanda Klueger) – Luca - November 3 at 6 p.m.–preregistration helps get in quicker. Bring blanket/chairs and flashlight. \$1 cash concessions. Volunteers needed to help with check in and concessions.
- Thanksgiving Food Drive for South Lake ES (Asmaa Seif Eldin) – Two ways to help: (1) non-perishable food items by grade and (2) donate online through Nourish Now to purchase a full meal for a family (\$25 look for link in Bear Post). Donations accepted through Thursday, November 18. Partnered with Bells Mill SGA.

## **MCCPTA Updates**

- Advocacy priorities finalized for the year – clear and timely communication, COVID-19 response and recovery; diversity, equity and inclusion; health, Wellness and School Climate; Transportation and Facilities

## **School Update: MCPS Equity Initiative – Dr. Smith**

- Churchill cluster principals are meeting to set dates to meet with the community to discuss improvements in equity
- Discussing Equity broadly - Race, Culture, Backgrounds, Academic
- December is likely first meeting for community town halls.

## **Q&A with Dr. Smith & Mrs. Kemp**

- Field trips – as of now, students are not vaccinated so no field trips (except virtual)
- Challenges with student behavior – reteaching appropriate behaviors/expectations after being out for 18 months. No serious problems though.
- Lunch – as weather gets colder, we will move to indoor recess plan – 2 classes in lunchroom and 2 in classrooms with monitors. Currently two classes eat in back courtyard and two in the lunchroom with option to eat in the front courtyard. Interior courtyards are not used any longer due to noise and heat.
- Return to school after COVID symptom – must have a negative COVID test to return to school.
- Allergy free options at lunch discussed

## **New Business**

- None

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.















