

**Boerne High School PTO
September 2017 General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 9:07 in the library

Meeting called to order by Co-Presidents Amy Story and Becky Welch

Attendance: Amy Story, Becky Welch, Jamie Holmes, Kristen Shill, Heather Harper, Amy Keith, Mary Urh, Jennifer Brock, Mary Lira, Ann Rice, Paula Beaton, Trish Ramsey, Lisa Parks, Beth Murphy, Kerry Green, Ron Cearnal, Barb Bow, Sean Kavanaugh, Delma Flores, Marilee Bruner, Maryanna Pearson and Principal Natalie Farber. Special Guests in Attendance : Superintendent Dr. Thomas Price and BISD School Board Trustee Maritza Gonzalez-Cooper & Dale Adams

Co-Presidents' Amy Story and Becky Welch - Amy Story introduced the 2017-2018 PTO Board Members: Jamie Holmes - Treasurer, Kristen Shill - Membership, Heather Harper - Secretary and Amy Keith was voted onto the board as VP of Teacher Appreciation

- Student Council Staff Representative Elizabeth Wolff stated that Student Council voted to have a homecoming dance in the courtyard until 12:00 midnight. She asked for support and promotion. Coronation will be moved to halftime and the dance would start after the band UIL performance following the game.
- Becky requested to have a traditional homecoming dance on Saturday night following the game. Mrs. Wolff said this was not an option for this year as they were looking to have an inclusive not exclusive dance. Becky asked to explore a more traditional option in coming years as Winter Formal is geared towards lower classmen and Prom is for upper classmen. Wanted a dance that would include the entire school. Mrs. Wolff said we are not at that point as of yet. Kerry Green stated from her understanding that many students would like to have a traditional HCD. Mrs. Wolff asked for PTO's support in the decision made this year. She is following the request of the student council and they are very enthusiastic. To be successful parents should encourage attendance and support the band after the game.
- Becky introduced Dr. Price.
- Dr. Price spoke about his family and said his daughter was attending BHS and is enjoying her new community. Dr. Price said he has resided in two Robin Hood districts and has lobbied against this law. He stated that we need to not only support the traditional 4x4 system, but apply more focus to those students who do not want to attend college and would prefer to master a trade. He described his background as a student and offers an open door policy. May not be able to solve all problems, but will listen and try to make our district the best possible.

Officers' Reports

Co-Presidents - Amy Story and Becky Welch

- Amy Keith will be joining the board as VP of Teacher Appreciation
- Teacher Luncheon dates will go out soon from Brandi Quinn and Kelly Stahl

- There will be a possible change to the teacher holiday party this year to make it more casual, less PTO funds and not occur during finals
- Burger Bash date will go out soon look for date on PTO website and Facebook
- LeaderSteps is looking to change 2 of its 4 dates so they will not all be on B days
- Want to change Teacher Appreciation week instead to a Teacher Spotlight. The students would nominate a teacher of the month/9 weeks and then the student body would vote. Teachers would receive gifts that are more substantial if they are chosen. The teacher luncheons would remain unaffected.

Treasurer - Jamie Holmes

- Copies of the budget were provided for attendees
- The PTO is fully funded at this time
- There may be changes to the budget based on changes we make as a PTO board
- The PTO will ask for wish list of items not awarded during site based committee from the BEF Fall Disbursement grants in case we can fund some
- A member asked if teachers could make requests throughout the year and this is allowed

Membership - Kristen Shill

- Membership is down from last year - we are currently at 183 members
- Lisa Parks stated that we will do a banner for those that purchase a corporate membership which costs us \$200. We are waiting for sponsorships to come in - these will benefit all students in the school
- We also have to abide by district banner rules

• **Principal Report** - Natalie Farber

- Parents who helped with packet pickup and Fish Camp were thanked
- Open House date change due to Charger Varsity game the same night. Changed to September 19th
- Club organization meeting days help promote the clubs and their membership
- New clubs on campus are the Wilderness Club and K-9 Club
- Becky Welch asked for a list of clubs for the PTO website
- A Parent suggested that BHS look at all other campus calendars so they do not overlap
- There is still trouble with the district website. Mr. Vogel is training on the new website and will train others. Mobile link is not working as well as desktop
- Dr. Price suggested all technology issues be sent to David Boggan
- School enrollment is at 1,106. Freshmen class at 250 is considered small
- UIL upshot data collection will be done in October
- School is asking that PTO fund Tutorial Night as you need a minimum of 3 teachers on a Thursday night live. PTO possibly could sell snacks to help supplement cost
- Looking at outside tutors, but will need background check, also looking at peer tutoring
- Mrs. Atchison is the new NHS sponsor

New Business

- There will be six Chick-Fil-A days; dates to be announced
- Snacks in class are at teacher discretion
- Prom date not set
- We have several SHAC reps this year
- Each club needs to find its own sponsor and must have 25 kids commit to club
- K-9 club is a new welcoming committee made up of students that matches current BHS students up with new students with similar interests to make them feel not alone at BHS - PTO sponsoring along w/ Ms. Poulis (counselor)

Meeting Adjourned - 10:19 am