

Brookwood Elementary PTA
General Meeting 5/23/23

The zoom meeting was opened by Co-President Jenny Daniels at 7:03 with 17 participants, so a quorum was established.

The meeting began with a welcome from Daniels, who thanked everyone for a great year, noting the hard work that has been put forth by so many volunteers.

Secretary Jen George then offered the Secretary Report. The group viewed the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion and second were made to approve the minutes, then a vote to approve the minutes was taken through the zoom chat tool - the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Mea Hill then offered the Treasurer's Report, and shared the original 2022/23 PTA budget as well as the promised Amended 2022/23 Budget. She reviewed the changes in the Amended Budget, including a shift in how 5th grade donations and signs are funded, and the mid-year addition of the Holiday Shop. She highlighted the line items for the fundraisers, and noted that the PTA would be able to give BES a generous check at the close of the financial year. A motion and second were made to approve the Amended Budget, then a vote was taken through the zoom digital tool - the Amended Budget was unanimously approved.

Principal Lillard then offered a brief Principal's Report, and thanked everyone for an outstanding year. She shared that she feels the BES PTA really is the most amazing PTA. She noted that the school is projected to have 1476 students enrolled in the fall, but cautioned that it is impossible to predict exactly how many students will arrive. Principal Lillard closed by encouraging parents to reach out to her at any time if there is any way she can be of assistance.

Kim Bennett and Lindsay Phipps, Co-Chairs of the Hospitality Committee, offered a report. They shared pictures of the recent Italian themed staff luncheon, which included a delicious meal along with Italian sodas and spaghetti and meatball cake pops. They noted that they are already working on the Welcome Back Luncheon for staff, scheduled during the pre-planning week in late July. They have already collected many donations, and will continue to reach out to the community. Phipps shared that they will be asking families to consider making donations to this event over the summer.

Daniels offered a report on the recent Mother Son Night at the Yellow River Wildlife Sanctuary. She shared pictures of the successful event, and several attendees mentioned how much they enjoyed the evening.

Daniels also shared about Grounds Beatification, and the group enjoyed pictures of the recent clean-up event. She noted the many updates the Grounds Beautification team has done to make the school so beautiful and inviting.

Sonya Glasgow, Chair of the 5th Grade Celebration, shared that the event is planned for the following day, and will be moved indoors due to bad weather. She noted that they are still looking for volunteers to help, although they do have many people signed up.

Oma Jeje offered a report on Room Reps, noting that they are looking for a co-coordinator next year. She mentioned that the job is mostly making sure that each classroom has a Room Rep, and helping to adopt staff members.

Jeje also reviewed the School Supply Kits, noting that they will accept paper orders through the end of the school year, and online orders through June 19th. The kits will be delivered straight to the students' classrooms, although they will need some volunteers to help deliver them once they arrive.

Jenny Daniels then reviewed the names that the Nominating Committee approved for the 2023/24 PTA Executive Board. The proposed executive board consisted of Co-President Oma Jeje, Co-President Teri Moore, Co-Vice President Kim Bennett, Co-Vice President Jenny Daniels, Treasurer Mea Hill, and Secretary Sophia Wonneberger. A motion was made, along with a second, to approve this board. A vote was then taken through the zoom chat tool, and the 2023/24 Executive Board was unanimously approved.

Secretary Jen George then shared that the Area 1 group has chosen Kim Bennett to receive the award of Unsung Hero for her many years of dedicated service to the PTA and the community. Kim graciously acknowledged this award, saying she was grateful for those who had helped her through the years.

The meeting closed at 7:32.