

Attending:

Sara Marcum, Megan Rowley, Ariane, Jacob Brown, Tiffany Reid, Traci Sutherland, Rebekah Pitts

Rebekah welcomed all the members in attendance and on zoom. She turned the time over to Megan Rowley to review our budget for the year. As currently budgeted, we will be spending more than we make, there is currently money in the bank account. The PTSA does have a savings account that we can pull from to use for this year, but in a few years it will be a problem when that money runs out. In the meantime, there will need to be a fundraiser, or raise the price of dues. We will not be doing a fundraiser this year.

Voting to approve the budget- unanimous

Membership- we have 71 members on Memberhub and 86 on the webstore. We will work on membership, including recruiting teachers and staff.

Principal Brown- interested in making adjustments to cell phone policy. He has already spoken with the community council and would also like the input of the parents on the PTSA. Currently, it is at the teacher's discretion to decide about phone/electronics. He would like to create a consistent policy across the whole school. He would like to have no cell phones during class at all. They hurt more than they help. They are a distraction. He outlined the consequences for students when they are caught with devices during class. Parents on the community council expressed concern about students not getting their cellphones back at the end of the day. He is willing to make adjustments to allow for students to get their phones back at the end of the day, but with parental contact. There will be some allowances made for students who use their cellphones to monitor their health, or on a case by case basis. Students do not need their phones to check the time. If it rings in class or falls out of a pocket, it will be taken. In enforcing it, there needs to be very strict black or white enforcement. Roll out- looking at a full week of introduction, students will have their phone taken by their teacher but given back after class. After that, enforcement will include phone being sent to the office to be retrieved later.

Picture Day has been moved to September 9.

Traci Sutherland needs to email Rebecca Winter the minutes of the meeting.

Ask Mrs. Winter to include a memberhub link in the webstore where people can join, rather paying in the webstore.

PTSA members signed on the financial release and ethics documents.

We have a few positions that have not been filled yet. Membership chair and president elect. We have a SNAD chair, and a teacher appreciation week chair, but not a term incentives chair. Ariane Mardis is our reflections chair. The deadline will be Oct 8. Starting next Monday, students will begin announcing information about reflections. She will also distribute some flyers.

Popcorn day- monthly popcorn day. An incentive for students to join the PTA. It is free for students who are members. It is \$1.00 for students who are not members. Usually they need volunteers to help from 11:13 to 12:36. This year masks are required. Sara requested that there is an announcement made the Monday before popcorn day so that kids will know to either join or bring money. We need volunteers to help with filling bags and collecting money. Becky will compile a list of teachers/faculty who are members so they can get popcorn as well. Sara asked for the list to be separated by last name.

Make sure to put popcorn day on the Facebook page.

Set up will be in the north west lobby.

How will things look because of Covid? It is pretty fluid, changing all the time. This year, it is anticipated that things will be more fluid in the jr high. We have 50% capacity requirements- assemblies, concerts, etc. Those constraints don't really exist outside, but BJH currently does not have the seating, speakers, etc. to accommodate an outside event. Cleaning remains the same as last year. Making allowances for group work, projects etc. Allowing teachers to teach how they normally would and then after that make adjustments for covid. Quarantine guidelines have changed. If you are vaccinated, you are essentially not a quarantine candidate. If a student has a school contact, they have the option of quarantining for 10 days at home or wearing a mask for 10 days. What about athletics? Regular testing in place? Not yet, although it's not out of the question.

Anti-vaping campaign- Becky did some research to find out what is available for students. Becky included some links to websites that include printables and resources for parents, students, and teachers. Mr. Brown is willing to present information to teachers about lessons for anti-vaping. Teachers would ultimately be the ones to make the decision about whether or not they are interested in teaching that.

We can have a membership table at parent teacher conference. There is only one in person night. Send out a link around parent teacher conferences for membership.

Term incentives- should we keep it, or get rid of it? Maybe get rid of it and save the money for teacher hugs.

Chic Fil A Spirit nights- we have a parent who is running those nights for us.

Photo Day- changed to next thursday, Sept 9. Becky asked about the parent volunteers- are they reimbursed by the company? Why is a business using our PTA parents as their help?