

Bamford Elementary
PTO Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 3 · 2:30 – 3:30pm

Welcome: Introductions

Julie Brazelton

Erin Ridge

Cheryl Schaaf

Kristen Haller

Jill Barella

Niel Smosna

Audriana Baker

Brie Esinech

Principal Update

Thanked everyone for giving time/energy in volunteer role. Reminded that everyone is here to support kids/school, and that everyone is on the same team. Presume positive intent, ask questions, and serve to support.

Expect changes due to changes in board. Presume that there are things people new to the board need to learn, and need support. Everyone coming to the table is welcome to offer ideas, but nobody on PTO (any position) can force someone else/PTO to take on tasks.

PTO is a separate, non-profit entity from the school. School can make requests but aren't the decision makers.

History: met this summer to get event dates on the calendar for critical dates. Last year when put to parent community to get PTO members there were no applicants. Niel and Erin offered to step up with the understanding there wasn't as much they could offer compared to past years due to time constraints, which was agreed on up front.

Teacher Liaison Announcements

Julie shared that staff are happy with the direction of the PTO, grateful for the support, very open to change/new ideas. The staff is understanding that most of board are full time working parents who can't devote 40 hours/week to the PTO. Teachers are open and willing to dial things back and be flexible.

Treasurer Updates

- Budget planning
 - See budget report notes
- 2024-2025 budget report
 - See budget report notes
- Question from Julie: CBA program is getting less than other teachers. Kristin explained that a specific golf sponsor donated directly to them but didn't have the same donation this year. Jill and Julie spoke about how the staff is willing to adjust their budgets to ensure all teachers receive same amount.

Other News, Announcements & Topics to cover:

- PTO meeting time and format
 - Later time is harder for teacher attendance, but during day is harder for parents for pickup/drop off.
 - Audianna requested later evening times to work better for some parents.
 - Later time is impossible for board members.
 - Idea of sending out a survey with multiple options. Add options that the majority of required board members could make.
 - Finding coverage during the school day can be tricky for staff. Will need to get teacher coverage.
- Committees
 - Pack Nights, Family Events, Book Fair, Room Parents...
 - Audrianna shared that she's disappointed that the Wolf Pack Run was cancelled. Erin shared that there's still room to do those things if Jill agrees for it to be hosted by the school. Staff feedback is that the fun run is disruptive during the school day, and the staff would rather see it incorporated as a family night.
 - Jill asked about a picnic for getting to meet other families - make it simple and easy. Thinking we might want to have a gap between fundraising. Audiranna would like to do a carnival in the spring for fundraising and offered to take it on completely. This would be a replacement for the golf fundraiser.
 - Determine who is still committed to leading which committees and events

- Ensure we have clarity on how and when decisions are made related to committees/events
 - Can add events to calendar, if needed/wanted
- Family Picnic October 2nd 5-6:30pm
 - Games?
 - Small games, activities. Suggested to keep it simple. Budget for Family Nights listed.
 - Field availability/reservation confirmation
 - Jill is checking for field rental availability and help from custodians.
 - Other questions/concerns
 - Will look into Kona Ice. Audiranna will explore face painting as an option. Julie will look into NHS to see if HS students will volunteer hours. Need to get a flyer created. Julie will connect any volunteers with Adrianna and Mallory. Suggested an easier to find volunteer signup (QR code?) Create new signup genius for new activities/events.
 - Simplifying events means less of a need for volunteers. Concern that volunteers will no show/cancel late.
 - Courtney Aspenwall can be sent PTO info to share on social media.

Upcoming Event Planning & Task Delegation

- Wolf Pack Pledge fundraiser
 - September 29-October 19th
 - Re-confirmed this timeline
 - Incentives
 - Goals
 - Questions/concerns
 - Task delegation