

**PTCO Meeting**  
**Black Forest Hills Elementary**  
**May 14, 2025 8:45am**

**In Attendance:**

1. Amy Hester
2. Sumi Chai
3. Caitlin Doeden
4. Julie Jochems
5. Seema Kana
6. Julia Villalobos
7. Brandon Tullio
8. Kelly Bruetsch
9. Marylisa Cruz
10. Tessa Jones
11. Johanna Burl
12. Stevi Fields
13. Abbie Maras
14. Ellen Artz

**Meeting Minutes:**

- Call to order: Amy Hester
- Board Members and Chairs in attendance
  - Amy Hester, Co-President
  - Sumi Chai, Co-President
  - Julie Jochems, VP Communications
  - Caitlin Doeden, Co-Treasurer
  - Seema Kana, Secretary
  - Julia Villalobos, Events Committee Chair

Old Business: Sumi Chai/Amy Hester

- Approval of previous meeting minutes (April 16, 2025) - Amy Hester/Julia Villalobos

Principal's Update: Brandon Tullio

- Looking forward to reflecting at the end of the school year
- Preliminary STAR data - good data with growth in literacy and math
- Outside coaches to help teachers
- Next year will have our own full time coach
- Tier 2 instruction - smaller groups; students move around with teachers some to help kids with certain skills
- Thanked volunteers; great parents and community

By-Law/Budget/Financial Updates: Sumi Chai

- Budget updated through April
- Raised \$12000 with the auction so we are able to fully fund TAs for next year

- Community Survey Results and Comments
  - Outdoor learning space vs playground shade vs marquee: Sumi shared results and comments shared via poll to community
  - 126 responses
    - 67% - outdoor learning space
    - 27% - playground shade
    - 5% - marquee
  - 8 comments including
    - STEM - PTCO cannot allocate funds for STEM teacher, etc
    - Suggestion for additional trash cans around the playground
    - Risk for sunburns
    - Outdoor seating
    - Garden expansion
    - Technology driven activities
      - Brandon explained ways BFHE is adding STEM activities with Ms. Knowlton and IT specialist
      - No state standards on STEM
  - STEM club idea - maybe bring in parents to volunteer for STEM days

Teacher Grants: Sumi

- 24/25 Grant cycle completed

Events updates: Julia

- Field Day - 5/16 with Dunk Tank with Brandon and Kelly
- Book Fair - \$13000 in sales, with \$6200 in profit
- Will split Meet and Greet (Aug 8) and Back to School night (date TBD)
- Watch Dog Parents
  - Process to train volunteers, benefit has to outweigh negative but Brandon will think about

Community Nights:

- Cold Stone Night - May 14, 4-8pm
- Kona Ice - after school May 19

Adjournment: Sumi Chai