

PTCO Meeting
Black Forest Hills Elementary
March 12, 2025

In Attendance:

1. Sumi Chai
2. Amy Hester
3. Julie Jochems
4. Caitlin Doeden
5. Ashley Flake
6. Seema Kana
7. Julia Villalobos
8. Jeannette Bui-Kraft
9. Brandon Tullio
10. Kelly Bruetsch
11. Marylisa Cruz
12. Jen Lopez
13. Abbie Maras

Meeting Minutes:

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

Old Business: Sumi Chai

- Approval of previous meeting minutes (Feb 26, 2025) - Sumi Chai, Jeannette Bui-Kraft

By-Law/Budget/Financial Updates: Sumi Chai

- All approved grants to be paid out
- Caitlin and Marylisa will work to get \$2000 each paid for field trips (4th and 5th grade)
- Dance Profit ~\$1500
- Chick-Fil-A profit ~\$155; Sumi to follow up regarding code not working at checkout
 - Ms. Reardon's class won free class meal
- Noodle and Co. check received today

Principal Updates: Brandon Tullio

- Thank you for organizing author visit
- State has determined \$17 million budget cut for CCSD
 - Share concerns with legislators
 - Group of students from area schools recently went to the state capitol building to speak with legislators
 - Likely fewer positions and larger class sizes district wide

- Brandon will send out communication regarding budget cuts, etc. in this week's Hootie's Newsletter
- American Heart Association fundraiser - closing assembly March 12
 - Raised nearly \$6000
 - Brandon and Kelly to get slimed this afternoon

Teacher Grants: Sumi Chai

- 2nd grade - \$400 grant approved for their photo project
- Kinder - wish list submitted
- PreK items ordered and received

Events updates: Sumi Chai

- Winter Dance - Sumi/Julia
 - Sold out - great turn out, but had to turn away families at the door due to reaching capacity
 - Remind parents to help clean up
- Field Day
 - May 1, with make up date May 16
 - Fun Run Dunk Tank Prize - Brandon and Kelly
 - Swim School will donate water bottle table - Julia to follow up
- Integrated Arts Night and Silent Auction
 - April 11 from 5 - 7pm combined event
 - Jen Lopez working with community/businesses to get items for donation for auction
 - Will ask Mr. Wu if he can come in for STEM portion
 - Plan to push Auction with help of administration, include what funds raised will cover (TA coverage, possible outdoor learning space, school improvement projects, etc.)
 - Will have preview of auction items on display during the week of the auction so parents, community can start bidding with final bidding the night of the event
 - Tabled Cultural Night to next school year and plan to include in curriculum in some way
- Spirit Wear
 - Jeannette - online vendor has been set up and is ready to go live when we want
 - Will likely wait until after Kinder Round up night on April 7, PTCO will try to have a table set up with information regarding PTCO
- Staff Appreciation Week - May 5-9
 - 105 teachers/staff members
 - Winchell's Donuts providing donuts one day
 - PTCO will sponsor one day
 - Admin plans to sponsor one day
 - Jen Lopez and Marylisa will work together to plan things for the week
- Book Fair - May 5-9

Community Nights/Events Updates:

- Buffalo Wild Wings: March 26 (all day)
- Kona Ice: April 2 and May 19 after school
- Urban Air: April 18 (4-8pm); flyers will be sent home with students
- Dion's: May 7 (5-8pm)
- Cold Stone: May 14 (4-8pm); sign up sheet to go out to teachers/staff to volunteer

- Will not continue with offering Kona Ice or HipPops next year

Other:

- TBD if Back to School Night and Meet the Teacher Night will be two separate night for upcoming school year based on feedback from last year

Reminder: Next PTCO Meeting: April 16 at 8:45a

Adjournment: Sumi Chai/Marylisa Cruz