

minutes

Border Star Montessori General PTA Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2019 6 p.m.

Time	Item	Owner
5:30 pm	Dinner	Comica
6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:06 meeting called to order• Welcome to new attendees	Jessica
6:00	Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept minutes approved and seconded	Jessica
6:05	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Rhyne is out of town. Jessica believes his items will be covered by the agenda.	Mr. Rhyne
6:10	Book Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kate Bender noted it is her first year chairing this event. PTA gets 20% in cash or 30% in books. Last year was about \$4,000 revenue and netted about \$650. Vendor is pushing for a 2nd book fair with an incentive. She has put a Signup Genius for volunteer slots and needs a few more volunteers. Incentive is 20% off for volunteers. Going to experiment with putting teachers wish list of books into teachers' bins. Books bought for teachers are also 20% off.• Question raised about how Childrens House students get to book fair. These kids will go with Ms. Parker, the librarian. Kids can buy books then.• The signupgenius is on the Facebook pages.	Kate
6:15	Budget Presentation and Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica pointed everyone to the new fiscal year budget and the end of year report.• Kristen reviewed the annual report and budget. She acknowledged Dede Palmer as assisting with the work. She noted that last year's PTA spent most of the excess funds like audio system and tether balls. PTA made the most last school year in new funds. Biggest change is that we are no longer doing the composting program. The sculpture is not coming out of PTA budget. The costs will come from a GoFundMe fundraising. PTA will keep any excess funds. Some expenses are required annually like software costs. PTA is not in charge of the MMUN funds anymore.• Dede noted that one point there was a very large surplus and at next meeting hopes to have an accounting of where the surplus went. She will update us on this next month.• A question was raised about the sculpture fundraising. We pass the money raised right back out to the artist.• Further Budget delayed for book fair discussion.• Jessica reviewed proposed budget. Major goal is to build up reserves for next year's PTA. The goal is to make \$8,000 more than we spend. That would allow \$12,000 for next year's PTA. Jessica went through the new budget line by line. Parents had a few suggestions for additional revenue like coupon books or grants from employers.	Kristen/Jessica

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150 was made in the 50/50 raffle (won by Jessica's sis). • The District Foundation will take excess uniforms from our uniform exchange surplus. • PTA will cover the expense of any kids who can't pay for field trips. • Jessica broke down some categories that were together last year. So she broke out fields trips. • Budget was moved to approve and seconded and passed. 	
6:30	Committee Reports	Chairs
	<p>BBQ Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comica thanked all donaters. She pointed to a box with left over dishes. She requested a new chair volunteer. She has all the documentation for running the event. <p>DAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie reviewed first DAC meeting. Dr. Bedell emphasized student attendance and changing the negative perception of the District. She noted the Family Empowerment Center. Justice in the Schools for legal issues was mentioned. She went over tech improvement plans. Dede Palmer is co-chairing as DAC reps. <p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica said almost all kids should have received their shirts. Next delivery for spirit wear is next week. <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another email will go out in the next week or so. <p>Health and Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate Nite is Oct. 16. Walk to School day is postponed to Oct. 9th due to wet weather. Trying to get rims and nets replaced on bball hoops. <p>Uniform Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a volunteer. <p>Yearbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update. Code is on the FB page 	Comica Julie Tim Leslie Leslie Jessica Liz
6:40	Officer Reports	Officers
	<p>VP-Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 paid members. Raffle winner for Bettie Rays is Dave Nelson and a new attendee. <p>VP-Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kris Neuhauser reviewed the upcoming Fall fundraiser. She also encouraged cash donations. It will start Oct. 14 and ends Nov. 4. Delivery is the week of Dec. 9th. There are incentives for the kids to sell. Cash donations will count for classroom totals. Box tops will switch to digital/online format. There will be an app on phones. You scan your receipt and it credits the school. The app is called Boxtops for Education. Smile.amazon.com for amazon donations. Twotone Press has offered to run an adults only Lego Print Workshop and they will donate proceeds. Kris noted that this was an interesting way to donate to the PTA and encouraged similar events. • Still looking for a venue for Trivia Nite to rent to accommodate around 250-300 people. <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Budget discussion. <p>Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly filling in for Andi 	Jen Kristin Kristen Andi
6:45	Fall Fundraiser	Kristin
6:55	Old Business	

	<p>Sculpture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the GoFundMe should be at around \$800. Mr. Paul is encouraging Brookside Merchants to donate. Students will work with the artist on a Saturday in Oct and shooting a November installation. 	Kristen/Brandy
7:00	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todd Moore described the KCPS Education Foundation funding which is available twice a year. Also mentioned that this meeting time is not a good time for all parents and wondered about ways to address this. Jessica agreed and wanted suggestions for ideas to involve more families. Last Wednesday, there was a petting zoo during LINC. Looking to do it next year and make it bigger. Two cards for thanking Tim Hill and Boy Scouts. Jermaine suggested that live cast the meeting and people could instant message conversations. He also mentioned Battle of the Brains and wants Border Star to get involved next year. 	Jessica
	<p>Halloween Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica described the Halloween Celebration and Ms. Parkers party. Oct. 27 will be Trunk or Treat. 	
7:05	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.</p>	Jessica

Upcoming Fall 2018 Border Star Events

Walk to School Day (rescheduled)	Wednesday, October 9, 7:40 am at Brookside Park
Book Fair	October 10-17 (open during library class, after school, and on conference day)
Teacher PD day--No School	Friday, October 11
Fall Fundraiser Begins	Monday, October 14
Picture Day	Tuesday, October 15
Skate Night	Wednesday, October 16 at Skate City (6-8 pm)
Parent Teacher Conferences--No School	Thursday, October 17
Teacher PD day--No School	Friday, October 18
Restaurant Night	Monday, November 4 at Chipotle by the Plaza Library, 4-8pm
Next Meeting	Wednesday, November 7

Questions? Contact the PTA

Website: borderstarpta.org

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The Facebook page for Border Star parents is [facebook.com/groups/dragonparents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/dragonparents). This informal group is a great way to share ideas, ask questions, and get to know your community. It is a closed group, so you'll need

to verify you are a parent by submitting your child's teacher's name. *Note: The group is not affiliated with the school or the district.*

Copies of tonight's Agenda and the previous meeting's Minutes will be available at the website. Visit **borderstarpta.org** to see meeting minutes and agendas, sign up to be a PTA member, donate to the PTA, order spirit wear, and sign up to receive PTA and New Parent emails.

PTA Vision Statement

Border Star Montessori will be a first choice elementary school for Kansas City families. The PTA will support a vibrant and diverse community of students, families, and teachers by providing outstanding opportunities to foster a love of learning, practice healthy choices, and actively participate in our local and global community.

PTA Mission Statement

The mission of Border Star Montessori PTA is to:

- Make all Border Star families feel welcome and valued
- Support teachers' classroom projects, field trips, training, and other needs to ensure students have the best learning opportunities
- Foster the involvement and support of our local business and civic leaders in our students' success
- Shine a light on the benefits and opportunities available within the Kansas City Public School system