

Minutes

Border Star Montessori General PTA Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019 6 p.m.

Time	Item	Owner
5:30 pm	Dinner	Comica
6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Called to order at 6:04	Jen
6:00	Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- meeting minutes from October approved and seconded	Jen
6:05	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Waiting on AV equipment to be installed still. Hoping by December- Attendance is 94% but decreasing. School goal is 95% attendance. Incentives for good attendance. 2nd-6th grade students being sent to UMKC if attendance is 93% or higher. PreK-1st will have their own attendance celebration. Rating takes into account sick days as well as absences and they all count against (per MO). BSM does excuse sick days.- Project SAFE currently working w 1st graders. Resilience and violence prevention program. They come in once a week for 30 min to work w Children's house. Info will be coming home.- KC School Fair is this weekend. BSM will be there. 10am-1pm- Lower El went to AMI training (district covering).- In convos with Lincoln about how to collaborate w district and Lincoln on how to get kids to stay in BSM thru 6th grade and they'll still have a seat in 7th if they qualify. Current idea is 50 seats for KCPS students.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parents would like to see how BSM students work into the Lincoln Middle percentages (i.e. how many of the 50 seats would/could be BSM students)- Code of conduct violations (Class 3 and 4 / chronic misconduct) would preclude your child from getting into Lincoln or they'd be on probation if they do get in- Working on BSM application process and enrollment on how we accept students. Want to retain kids and how do we keep kids past CH. Dec 7th is tentative enrollment date. For older kids, other options besides Lincoln are Paseo and AC Prep for 7th grade options- \$986 raised for United Way- MMUN raised over \$600 between bake sale and previous fundraiser. Ms Tormala is MMUN teacher rep.	Mr. Rhyne

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ***Concern from parents about whether iReady is the appropriate avenue for testing as this is a Montessori based school rather than a traditional and are we “teaching to the test”. Concern from Mr Rhyne’s perspective that we teach the kids all year and if the kids don’t know how to answer the questions, it does them a disservice. His concern is the scores the kids get on MAP testing does not reflect their actual knowledge.*** 	
6:20	Library Services Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postponed to December’s meeting 	Ms. Parker
6:30	Committee Reports	Chairs
	Book Fair Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Got \$920 from Book Fair. Looking into doing a Spring fair, potentially around conference time again. Almost every teacher put wishlist books on there and sold ~100 wishlist books Room Parents--Halloween party feedback and future party planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Room parents please respond to Mark with any feedback from parties Spirit Wear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - XS Hoodies still on backorder. Holiday store probably not happening with current vendor. Tim looking into using T-Spring for a holiday store fundraiser: socks, t-shirts (Montessori materials: pink tower, trinomial cube), blankets, mugs, stickers, etc Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leslie not here Health and Wellness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leslie Not Here Uniform Exchange--Winter items available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uniforms were available outside the cafeteria. Going to have winter items available Yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tomorrow, November 8th, is last day for cover submissions. Add your pictures to ImageShare (Balfour). **Now extended to Nov 15th for Cover submissions** 	Kate Mark Tim Leslie Leslie Jen Dave
6:45	Officer Reports	Officers
	VP-Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holding steady on membership VP-Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wrapping up Fall Fundraiser. Packets were due today but we’ll take them thru Monday. Online donations \$1300+. Online sales is \$3k (so \$1500 for BSM). **Kris, what was the cookie dough amount?*** - Chipotlenight made \$200 - Mission Taco may want to do a dinner w us?? - Trivia night: narrowing in on venue. April 25th is tentative date. Committees to start meeting once before winter break. Get w Kris if you want to help Treasurer--Budget report through October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current available balance ~\$7400 	Jen Kristin Kristen Andi

	- **Ask Kristen for monthly audit to add as attachment Secretary	
7:00	Old Business	Jen
	Sculpture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artist came to school for UE students art class. Brandy Vessey got pictures and they'll hopefully be in next month's newsletter. Paul at Leopold is helping coordinate with the structural component. Hoping to be up in January (March at latest). Donate to the GoFundMe (find it on FB) Ordering school pictures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Go to Lifetouch.com ● Event ID: EVTSX363M ● Student ID: Look on ID card sent home with child 	Kristen/Brandy Jen
7:05	New Business	Jen
	Parent Ed Nights Holiday Meal baskets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Winston asked if we could pull together to help 3 families each at Thanksgiving and Christmas (different families). Families kept anonymous. Would PTA help donate a small amount for the food baskets. If you get one from work or want to donate a turkey or ham, please bring it the week of Nov 18th. Talk to Ms Winston about what to specifically donate. - Steph Swanson moves to donate \$150 to cover both holidays. All in favor Moving the meeting to the auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could try serving at 5:15 but concerns about losing intimacy of cafeteria space. Move to try it in December. 	Jen Kristen Jen
7:15	Adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved to adjourn at 7:17 	Jen

Upcoming Fall 2019 Border Star Events

Fall Fundraiser Ends	Friday, November 8
Show Me Schools Fair (downtown public library)	Saturday, November 9
Brookside Holiday Opener— BSM Honors Choir performance	Thursday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm
Principal's Coffee	Friday, November 15 @ 8:35 am
Picture Retakes	Tuesday, November 26
Fall Break (no school)	Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29

Crown Center BSM Honors Chorus performance	Wednesday, December 4 @ 6:30 pm
Next Meeting	Thursday, December 5

Questions? Contact the PTA

Website: borderstarpta.org

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The Facebook page for Border Star parents is **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