

MINUTES

Border Star Montessori General PTA Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2019 6 p.m.

Time	Item	Owner
5:30 pm	Dinner	Comica
6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meeting called to order @ 6:01	Jessica
6:00	Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion to approve by Ms Parker, seconded, all approved. Minutes accepted with the addition of summary of the discussion about students seeing test scores and the outcome of that situation (to be compiled by Exec Board)- Will try to get these posted hard copy at bulletin board and see if MR will do a parent blast	Jessica
6:05	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Rhyne not at meeting. AV system is either installed or in the process of installed and will be available for Winter Program- Next week is iReady assessments for K-6 students- Holiday parties in classrooms on Dec 20th. 2-3:30. Un-party w Ms Parker in Library if students so choose- Winter Program = Dec 18th at 1:30. Come early as parking is at a premium and it will be warm- Enrollment process? P3s have to re-enroll to be a P4 and must be done by Feb 14th. Incoming P3 siblings need to enroll as well. Let Jessica know if issues. Also will get a form (hard copy) to see if you will be returning the following school year. Turn those in as soon as possible- Attendance has been rising above 95%- Probation letters for students with attendance <90% will be going out prior to Christmas break	Mr. Rhyne
6:20	Library Services Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BSM would benefit from full time librarian- Handout that Ms Parker handed out will be put on the PTA website	Ms. Parker

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Parker @ BSM W-F and is willing to stay after hours if necessary to assist students and parents - Wants parent support for pushing for FT librarian - Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we support? - Could petition principal, board members, super (Dr Beddell and that we parents want this. Letters would need to be written in next 60 days as teacher contracts renewed/reviewed in March - Decision for PT librarian is based on how many classrooms in building. - Can Ms Parker provide some bullet points and have PTA compile this with addresses of Beddell and board members - Per Ms Wolfe, Fridays and Mondays are hard for library days as those days are usually the ones off. - Per teachers, Ms Parker helps out especially with the Upper El classrooms as they share one para and she can help alleviate issues. 	
6:30	<p>MMUN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Tormala wants kids to stay for 6th grade as they can still get into Lincoln at 7th grade so they can get the MMUN experience. Only school in KC area that does this. Culminates with going to Manhattan to the UN building - Growth that is seen after the kids go is - Kid reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clifton Ellis: is about learning about how model UN works and kids get to pick their country, topic, and committee. Go to MMUN conference in NY. His is arms race in space and is part of general assembly - Grace Sellars: Advancement of Women in Bulgaria is her topic. She's excited to learn about the topic, go to NY, and hopefully be able to make a change/difference - Kids resolutions have gone on to actual UN general assembly for review - Montessori United Nations experience on YouTube - If have more questions, get in touch w Ms Tormala - Need help with fundraising. This year's goal is met; trying to raise more for upcoming years. Fundraising goal is \$15,000. If you know someone/something, talk to Ms T. Children only responsible for \$300 (scholarships available for those in need). Chaperones = \$500 - Mburton2@kcpublicschools.org - PTA gives \$1500 	Ms. Tormala
6:35	Committee Reports	Chairs

	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall fundraiser completed. Delivery is 12-11-19 out by playground. Made about \$5800 - First Dragon Night (trivia night) meeting Monday Dec 9th at Bier Station, 7 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still looking for venue. Would need somewhere that would hold about 300-400 people. Would like to keep below \$1000. Email Kris if you have ideas for venues - Utilize Border Star Amazon Smile for your Amazon purchases <p>Spirit Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Socks and tights for Spirit wear were kind of a bust. Tim still looking for somewhere that is more on demand - Items for donation from vendor were available on back table (small sizes) <p>Uniform Exchange--Winter items available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uniforms closet is overflowing and we don't seem to have as big a need right now. Ms Parker is going to take the uniforms to Garfield elementary probably end of next week as they have a greater need than we do. Will start anew after first of the year - If you want to be in charge, let Jessica know as there still isn't someone spearheading this. - Winter hats/scarves/gloves are available in uniform closet <p>Yearbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$16 right now, goes up \$18 on Jan 1, up again in March - Cover contest is on the wall. Last round of voting on Friday 12-6. - Can download app and upload your photos for yearbook (earlier the better). - Can we look into a DropBox, shared drive, something if can't make app work <p>Room Parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jen and Mark had mtg w Mr Rhyne last week for expectations on parties. Winter party is 12-20-19. No Valentines because out of school on 2-14. Will be one end of year party. Determined by leadership team - Julie Steenson to start in January planning for St Pat's parade. If you want to help, get in touch with her 	<p>Kris</p> <p>Tim</p> <p>Jen</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Mark</p>
6:50	Officer Reports	Officers
	<p>VP-Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership is about the same as last year - Health and Wellness committee needs a chair. Skating parties, open gym - Communications needs a chair: PTA website, more communications - Back to School BBQ will need a chair for next year - Sustainability/Green Team didn't have a chair this year. Try to have one for next year - Put the word out if you're interested in a position for next year <p>VP-Fundraising</p>	<p>Jen</p> <p>Kristin</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can also coordinate through room parents to distribute email addresses and the bullet points of maybe what to call out - Try to get done before Christmas/end of year <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look into investigating other Montessori schools in area (Raintree in Lawrence) and what we could be/do - If interested in documentary on MLK 1-20-20: mlkdayofservicecelebration@gmail.com (on FB as the same thing) - Hopefully another BikeWalkKC Learn to Ride day in Spring and Fall of 2020 and then a Bike Club where they can learn to ride on the trail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This was a first come/first serve, BikeWalkKC is bringing 15 bikes, 6 kids bringing their own. - LINC: FirstBook awarded BSM and TurnThePage got a grant for an influx of books. Ms Taylor also received moneys based on LINC enrollment to give books away to kids. 2 weeks from today (12-19-20) will have a Literacy Approach event during LINC time. The library is donating 70 books to include the Little Dragons in this event as well - Breakfast in the classroom starts in January. Teachers will do individual things for their classrooms. Info coming out on this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LINC kids will go to auditorium at 8:05 	
7:15	<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjourned at 7:35 	Jessica

Upcoming Fall 2019 Border Star Events

Trivia Night Planning Meeting @ Bier Station	Monday, December 11, 7 pm
Fundraiser item pick-up	Wednesday, December 11, 3-6 pm
Winter Program	Wednesday, December 18
Winter Break	Monday, December 23 through Monday, January 6
Next Meeting	Thursday, February 6

Questions? Contact the PTA

Website: borderstarpta.org

Email: borderstarpta@gmail.com

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