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## Border Star Montessori General PTA Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 2019 6 p.m.

Time	Item	Owner
5:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	Comica
6:00	<b>Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 6:02 meeting called to order</li></ul>	Jessica
6:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Make sure everyone signs in</li><li>● Show of hands for new to school families<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jen Nelson - VP</li><li>○ VP Fundraising - Kristin Neuhauser</li><li>○ Treasurer - Kristen Hocker</li><li>○ Secretary - Andi Russell</li><li>○ At Large (4)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Molly Gosnell</li><li>■ Comica Shaw</li><li>■ Shayla Aranda</li><li>■ Jasmin Moore</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	Jessica
6:10	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Meeting minutes approved and seconded</li><li>● Wanting to put minutes on PTA website for future reference</li></ul>	Jessica
6:15	<b>Principal's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● New vision and mission statements to be posted around the building and want to make sure this is incorporated into daily life</li><li>● Tardies decreasing. Drop-off/pick-up is getting better</li><li>● Monthly newsletter (w pictures and updates for each grade levels) to be out hopefully next week and done electronically to cut back on paper. Will be interactive. Can get print copy if requested</li><li>● Been to every classroom and read to each class. Wants to be there every month, if teachers ok with.</li><li>● Form sent home w students iReady report that requested signature. Shows how your student is performing. These will come in Dec and Jan as well. Kindergarten takes assessment in Dec. Remind teachers that these need to go home, if they haven't gone home yet. School/teacher will provide guidance on how to interpret report</li><li>● School is strong in reading and Math will be a big focus this year. Teachers meeting once a week in teams to collaborate on how to make scores better for ALL students</li><li>● Staff has RTI (Response To Intervention) blocks this year. Work to help those in need, where they should be and those who are excelling. Recommends reaching out to student's teacher as well to</li></ul>	Mr. Rhyne

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working towards breakfast in the classroom. Looking for this switch in January. Want this time to be 15-20 minutes every morning. End of October should have process finalized. Carts of food taken to each classroom, kids grab their food, eat, then help cleanup. If have dietary needs and still want kids to participate, parents can send their own food. LINC and Little Dragons will proceed as usual and send kids to classrooms at 8:05. Mr Rhyne very big on the benefits of this program. Plans will get sent to families well before it goes into effect. This is something we have to do as it's district wide but open</li> <li>● Potty training policy is 3x letter from My Rhyne, 5x they go home for a week to work on potty training. Seat isn't lost but this is a mandated thing that kids are potty trained</li> <li>● Require notice if your student's transportation changes. Early notice (email to secretary) is great</li> <li>● Don't come checkout students after 2:45. Too hectic</li> <li>● PTA gave check for new sound system in auditorium. Working w district to determine vendor</li> <li>● MMUN notes going home for 6th grade students. Mr Rhyne hoping to go this year</li> <li>● Q/As <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Little Dragons: district has hired someone else and class will open in next two weeks. This will be the final class opened. Communicating w early childhood that this is a question that's asked for incoming P3/P4 parents</li> <li>○ Newsletters: Mr Rhyne posts on FB regularly, as well as phone blasts. Decided that weekly paper newsletters not as beneficial as Mr Rhyne being in classroom</li> <li>○ New parents newsletters still going out</li> <li>○ Tim Hill still has last year's lists and added email addresses for people who opt-in. Mr. Rhyne is ok with allowing PTA to send info through him. Paper fliers really only going home for events.</li> <li>○ Want to keep the bulletin board up to date. Will be adding a calendar with important events</li> <li>○ Teachers will still be sending home papers on Wednesday when they get them. Committee members give info to Ms Decker</li> <li>○ PTA wants feedback on how we're getting information. Please let us know (PTA and Mr Rhyne)</li> <li>○ Mr. Rhyne will get updated email lists to PTA for the new staff members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6:30	<b>Committee Reports</b>	Chairs



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skate Night (doubles as fundraiser if over 50 skaters). Staff skates free with badge</li> </ul> <p>Uniform Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still need help with this. Would like to have this available at meetings. No money exchange. It's haphazard right now. Someone to help keep things orderly (separate by size, pitch gross stuff). Will be out at BBQ</li> </ul> <p>Book Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct 10-17</li> <li>Receive 20% of revenue</li> <li>Starts a week before Parent Teacher conferences. Open after school as well til 6:00</li> <li>Need volunteers to help staff. Sign up via Sign-Up Genius</li> <li>Get a 20% discount if you volunteer</li> </ul> <p>Yearbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ordering fewer yearbooks this year due to all the extras from last year</li> <li>\$16/yearbook and doing tiered system. \$16 thru end of year. Jan1-March = \$18. March 1 = \$20</li> <li>Online order form open later. Can order up to 2 weeks before yearbooks get delivered</li> <li>Cover contest is beginning of Nov (kids can draw a dragon and drawing with most votes goes on front. 2nd place goes on back)</li> <li>Please send pictures! ImageShare App (Balfour Image Share). Code = 025067. No PW. Leave Blank</li> <li>Yearbooks in the beginning of May</li> </ul>	<p>Jessica</p> <p>Kate Bender</p> <p>Liz</p>
6:45	<b>Officer Reports</b>	Officers
	<p>VP-Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trending like last year for membership</li> <li>Membership = \$5 (most sent to MO PTA)</li> </ul> <p>VP-Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Fundraiser = 9-12 at Bside Panera (need to show them flier. Can show digital copies). Get 20% of everything that's ordered. Can order online as well</li> <li>Chipotle night = Monday in November at one by Plaza Library</li> <li>Fall = cookie dough, catalogs, donation solicitations. Starts 10-16 thru 11-4. Delivered beginning of Dec</li> <li>Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com). Can we look into how much we get from this and provide at meetings?</li> <li>Box Tops go to MMUN. Can provide to your kids teachers</li> <li>Dragon Night (Trivia Night/Silent Auction). Usually in April. Need new venue, have outgrown our last several. Need to accommodate ~350-500 people</li> <li>Looking for help</li> </ul> <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget: balance is low to start this year because we did lots of big things at the end of last year. Will provide budget to approve/disapprove at next meeting. Looking for ways to trim budget still</li> </ul>	<p>Jen</p> <p>Kristin</p> <p>Kristen</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still waiting on Art Fair parking and we are bare bones on budget allowances</li> <li>• Need to build up reserves this year</li> </ul> <p>Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	Andi
6:55	<b>Old Business</b>	
	<p>Sculpture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old sculpture that was made by students got destroyed. Got reimbursed but money went to district and that money is gone. Leopold Gallery is going to commission a new piece but need to setup a GoFundMe page so people can donate and it's a whole legal thing. Katie Schroeder motions to setup page, motion seconded and closed. Any extra moneys PTA gets to keep</li> </ul> <p>Back to school night, First day, Open house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget as it is right now will basically cover meals, BBQ DJ</li> </ul>	Kristen/Brandy Jessica
7:05	<b>New Business</b>	Jessica
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Means of communication</li> <li>• Sign up for official BSM FB page, Dragon parents FB page, fliers around the school. Trying to cut back on amount of paper/ink that we're using so sign up for PTA emails</li> </ul>	
	Meeting dates discussion	
7:15	<b>Adjourn</b>	Jessica
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andi Russell motioned to adjourn at 7:21. Seconded and meeting adjourned.</li> </ul>	

## Upcoming Fall 2018 Border Star Events40

<b>Restaurant Night</b>	Thursday, Sept 12, 4-8 pm Brookside Panera (show flyer)
<b>Spirit Wear Store Closes</b>	Thursday, Sept 12. Get your orders in before then! Store will close till next semester!
<b>No School</b>	Friday, Sept 13. Teacher PD day. No LINC or Little Dragons
<b>Back to School BBQ</b>	Friday, Sept 20. 6 pm. Bring a dish to share--check class assignments.
<b>Book Fair</b>	October 10-17 (during library class, after school, and on parent-teacher conference days)

Questions? Contact the PTA

Website: [borderstarpta.org](http://borderstarpta.org)

Email: [borderstarpta@gmail.com](mailto:borderstarpta@gmail.com)

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.

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## 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.

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## 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