



**Bennett's Mill Middle School PTO
July 2016 PTO General Meeting Minutes**

Date, Time, and Location: Monday, October 24th, 2016, at 6:30 PM in the BMMS Media Center

Meeting Called to Order by: President Tina Moore at 6:45PM

Attendance: Tina, Kim, Ed, Britt, Willie, Sharon

Minutes: No previous minutes to be read and approved

Officer's Reports:

(Name of speaker, summary of business discussed)

President: given by Tina Moore

- Custodian appreciation week – PTO provided gift cards
- Bus driver appreciation week - PTO gave cinnamon rolls to drivers “We like how you roll”
- Wells Fargo check for PTO of \$185
- Use your Publix card for BMMS
- Football team won the championship (Undefeated season) – PTO treated the team to dinner prior to game
- Academic boosters
 - Full sized candy bar for all A/B honor roll
 - Funds2Org Shoe Drive
 - We did have not met the goal of 2500 pairs of shoes (we are at 300)
 - Bring the shoes to block party or other events prior to end of month
- Christmas present wrapping December 1, 2, 8, 9 for teacher appreciation
- 8th grade dance
 - We are open to an 8th grade dance
 - Nikki Rucker has volunteered to chair

Treasurer: given by Kim Dobso

- Finance Report:
 - Balance – \$12,945.07
 - 301 paid memberships YTD
 - 62 last year
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Vice President (Membership): given by Willie Bohles

- 301 is good (we had 62 last year), but bad (we have over 900 families)
 - Our best/easiest fundraiser is parents joining the PTO as paid members
 - Ask your friends who have not joined to join the PTO

Social Secretary:

- Planned Events:

Recording Secretary: given by Ed Moore

- November 17th tailgate



Committee Reports:

(Name of speaker, summary of business discussed)

Hospitality Committee:

Academic Boosters: given by Tina Moore (see President's Report)

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School Beautification: given by Britt Canby

- Likely to occur in spring

PTO Teacher Liaison Report: Kathy Beach

- At the block party we are having 6 different parent university sessions. Kids can trick or treat while you attend.
 - Math games, ELA online, improve your Lexile, etc.
 - November is parent engagement month. Parents will be invited by grade level for a week to come to the school. Tour the school, have lunch with your child.

Principal's Report: given by Marcus Broadhead

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Old Business:

(Key information and motions voted on)

None

New Business:

(Key information and motions voted on)

Title 1 meeting – Chris Key (see Title 1 pink handout)

- 48.6% free lunch last year at BMMS
- Whole school Title 1 since May 2015 – Means we can serve all students who attend BMMS (vs. just those that need help)
- \$184K for BMMS (not a large amount relatively speaking)
- Serving all four milestone levels for the first time this year
- 5th period Instructional Focus – If kids need help in a certain subject they get 5th period help in that subject

Mrs. Gumerson

1. Did some leveling based on second year of Milestones testing statewide
2. We felt good about our technology in administering the tests here at BMMS
3. 8th grade is a gateway year (moving up to 9th year). FCBOE decided to use the tests for guidance purposes rather than determining whether a student will move to the 9th grade.
4. Reading is embedded in other areas (not separate)
5. When scores arrived in May BMMS administration began planning for this year
 - Has led to smaller classes to help put kids in the right level
 - All teams have a similar makeup
 - 5th period instructional focus (allows BMMS to address needs without eating up all of the connections classes – Based on level and needs



Mrs. Smith

- School Climate
 - School climate star rating
 - Surveys, Student Discipline, Safe and substance free learning environment, attendance
 - 1-5 stars (5= excellent), last year we received a 4 star
 - Available online on Georgia BOE website
- Grade level behavior (2015/2016 school year)
 - 6th – 330 (32 Physical Aggression, 285 no violation)
 - 7th – 335 (46 repeat violation, 261 no violation)
 - 8th – 304 (40 tardy, 224 no incident)
 - 6th grade – 330 students/45 had incidents – 13.64%
 - 7th grade – 335 students/74 had incidents – 22.10%
 - 8th grade – 304 students/80 had incidents - 26.32%
 - Bus referrals appeared in each grade level (6th-21, 7th-43, 8th-24)
 - Tardy appeared in each grade level (6th-25, 7th-34, 8th-24)
 - Only one bus monitor assigned to BMMS (training is required to be a bus monitor, but once trained parents can volunteer to be a bus monitor)
- Implementations
 - Several actions implemented last year and new actions implemented this year

Dr. Broadhead

- Assessments and data
- CCRPI Data
 - 2012 – A, 2013 – A, 2014 – B, 2015 – C
 - The culture/demographics of the school changed drastically when FMS was closed
 - Household demographics changed (e.g. single parent households grew from 85 to 289)
- Actions Taken
 - Communication – Bronco's Bulletin, Principal phone calls, website
 - High Expectations – E3, student achievement wall
 - Handling Discipline – 6th grade boys meeting, 8th grade meetings
 - Cultural Competencies for Teachers – Differentiation PL, Book study
 - Parent Resources for student support – Parent University, Saturday Study Skills Workshop
- School Process with Regard to Achievement
 - Leveling math classes and ELA
 - Implementing of Writing Support ELA connection
 - Enrollment of students in math support connections
 - Enrollment of students in reading 180 connections course
- Opportunities
 - Increase student growth and achievement
 - Address social emotional developmental needs
 - Potential to be a consistently high performing Title 1 school of excellence
 - Model middle school of diversity

Next Meeting:

General Membership Meeting –01/30/17 at 6:30 PM in BMMS Media Room (9/26, 10/24, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24)

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:15PM by Chris Key



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Minutes Compiled by:

Ed Moore – Recording Secretary