

MINUTES - BES PTB In Person Meeting September 23, 2026

Attendees: John Signatur, Kimberly Wintz, Stephanie Gammariello, Giuseppe Gammariello, Stephanie Hopkins, Chrissy Drager, Meghan K, Alec Roche, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Stepnowski, Tamara B., Laura M, Vaishali S., Jenn S., Trent Johnson

Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Stephanie G. at 6:34pm; seconded by Chrissy D.
Meeting Minutes	Motion to approve March Minutes by Stephanie G and seconded by Kim W.
Treasurer updates	Overview Meeting minutes can be found on the website: bartlettptb.org > About Us > Finances and Meeting Minutes Dine & Shares have been a great resource this year with minimum effort. Budget Overview: Significant changes - We had a significant amount more this last year so we want to make an intentional effort to spend more this year in more meaningful ways • Increase teacher allocations by \$3 (from \$7 to \$10) per student (not every teacher uses them - hoping to incentivise teachers to spend more this year) • Increase class field trip allocations by \$5 (from \$10 to \$15) per student - it was popular (first year that we did it), every grade except for 2 utilized this fund. ◦ These two changes increase allocations by \$3,192 (keep in mind we have around 60 or so less students than last year, but it's still a significant increase) ◦ John - sharing the percentage of who uses the funds. If we can think of different ways to communicate that to the teachers. Different ways of how to increase participation and thinking of any impediments. Why are 35% not accessing the funds? Something we are always trying to increase. Teachers - please call people out, we love to hear it. ■ Word of mouth ■ Lounge poster reminder - have you used your allocations?? ■ Maybe a qr code • Bookfair budget increase by \$5,000 (from \$5,000 to \$10,000) ◦ Last year we only had one book fair originally planned (we weren't sure if we could based on limited space, timing of other specials, etc.) But after a successful year last year, we definitely can have 2. This is the normal budget that we've had in past years. ◦ The \$10,000 doesn't come back to us, we pay the balance - this is what we will receive. The total income is significantly more ◦ They are profitable - our families are very generous ◦ Projected expenses of \$6,500 in line with last year's profit • Special project fund of \$5,000 ◦ line items we don't know yet - birthday bulldog will come out for this. Be on the look out for other projects that will come out of this fund • Club funding of \$1,000 • Recess consumables of \$500

The reason why we have a large number is that the parents fund raised for the sign, the playground, the chromebooks, etc. and then the district paid for it. We want to make intentional spending decisions - We want to keep money in the bank (savings) to keep the PTB running, so that even without income we could still fund events if we had another covid shutdown.

Budget notable items:

- Increasing Dine and Shares because of last years success
 - McDonald's brought in almost \$1,000 alone
- Bulldog Mania Income Budget Remains at \$15,000
 - Last year raised over \$19,000, but proposing to keep the same budget because we have about 60 less students.
 - Would expect to raise around \$16,000, but make a conservative estimate
- Assemblies - funding remains \$7,000 - We only spent \$1,400. Proposing to keep that the same because parents want to see those happen
- Increase organization of Accounting Records. Rename things and get rid of bucket accounts,
 - We group things so they make more sense and break it out by teacher.

Bottomline: Budget Projections:

- Budgeted a significant loss in FY26, but still made over \$7,000
- Increased attempts to spend down surpluses
- Plan to maintain ~\$30,000 for savings and a cushion for operating funds
 - Over 70% of Net Income received in Spring through Bulldog Mania
- Last year we thought the same, but then had exceptional results, so ours is more in line this year from last.
- Hard to predict what will be used and what not.
- Allocations usually around 60%
- We try not to overly sell items, Bulldog Mania is our biggest income source, which is why we make a big push to ask friends and family with Bulldog Mania.

Budget Approval - Anyone who votes to approve - say I (all raised hands)

Anyone who does not want to say nay - (no one)

Approved budget.

If we have amendments to the budget, we'll show each open meeting

Don't forget about our digital payment options: Venmo, PayPal, Square, and Zelle!

Fundraising – Dine & Share (YTD):

June - Urban Air; July - Atlas Chicken; August - Back to School Boomers & Merch Sales; September - McTeacher night

Upcoming Budget Impacts:

Upcoming DNS - October Marco's Pizza, November Wolves Game, December Ambrosia, Winter Break - Urban Air/Epic Air

Fundraising	Over summer we hosted a few Dine & Shares: • June - Urban Air • July - Atlas Chicken • August - Back to School with the Boomers • September - McTeacher night (This is a great way to support the school and the kids and teachers love it. Cash donations for cookies. Tell your friends, it's a lot of fun! Bart will be there! Upcoming: • Week of October 19th - Marco's Pizza (Teachers will get to order and we'll deliver to them) • November Wolves Game • December Ambrosia • Winter Break - working on Urban Air or Epic Air
Events	Back to School Bash: Had Kona Ice, inflatable games face painting, etc. Next year most likely will need to get new treat, Kona is getting too expensive. Back to School with the Boomers: Waiting on those numbers Future: • Walk 'n' Roll to school - Officer Daisy is coming. We may meet in the park and walk if the fire department can join. We'll have the sign for everyone who walks to sign. So long as we use the banner, we still get the \$250 stipend • Monster Mini Golf Mash 10/16 ○ Last year we had over 500 attend, but it was a great success! ○ With such a great turnout this year we are doing tee time windows. Each time slot will have 55 or 60 slots. Only BES students and siblings are free, adults will need to pay this year. There won't be as much waiting with these tee times and we will still have crafts and games. • Bulldog Bingo - 02/05/2027 ○ Not a lot of details at this time, but we hope to make this a free to attend event but will also have books as prizes and hoping for concessions and other activities • BES Dance - 03/19/2027 ○ Contract - Spring dance still to be at Morettis from 6:00 - 9:00PM. Same dance, just a different name.
Operations	Wish lists/Favorites: Coming soon! Contribute what you can. Teachers often don't want to ask, but many parents want to give back to teachers so why not get what you need. Lost and Found: Kim has gotten a rack (pictured in slides) and will be posting pictures regularly to help keep from too many coats, water bottles, hats, etc. from accumulating and people losing money. That way everyone has an opportunity to get their stuff back. Yahoo you're new to school: This is an event that the school puts on for those who are new to the building. Kids go to the gym while the parents trou. We receive a lot of great feedback that parents are better able to pay attention without the kids there.

	Upcoming Meeting: Next meeting is November 10th Mark the date. We try to rotate each meeting between Tues, Wed, and Thurs. Club Funding Request: For staff who want to run a club, we are working on a rubric on how many students and how much can be requested for the club (shirts or any funding you may need) Parties: Coming soon! Halloween is coming soon. Sign up was in the bulletin and on facebook so if you hear of anyone who didn't hear, please let them know where they can find the link. We changed the link from the past. We used have a way to select your first, second, and third. We found that some really meant it but many just clicked buttons or would list the same preferences for all of their kids. We are going by more relevant information this year and also included the option for you to list if you want to make more than one party if you can (and if the need is there). Costumes (Pay what you can): On October 7th from 2:15 - 6:15pm we are having a Pay what you can for the costumes that PTB has in the closet. A few years ago we started a collection for kids who may not have access. Really these have not been accessed since the first year. We've reached out to those who can help facilitate but no one has taken adWent a bit over budget for lunch from JC's, but it was very well received. vantage. We have 4 bins worth, so we are going do a "Pay What You Can" event and whatever is leftover will be donated. PTB Blast: Anything we are sharing is also in the bulletin. We put it in for 2 weeks and we post on the public facebook page. This year we are also starting a PTB blast flyer of information. Recess Equipment: We are holding a drive for any family that has extra playground balls, basketballs, etc. These get left out or thrown over the fence often but the kids love playing with them. The office will the rotate out the balls and we are working on having the kids pick them up more frequently. Bulldog Birthday: Birthday Bulldog is a way to celebrate the kids. We'll catch up on those in August and September. They will come down and get to pick a book and check in with Mr. Signatur. Bulldog Den: the school does PBIS (positive reinforcement system). Starting next week. We'll send an email for those who signed up to participate in other ways than parties to see who is interested in volunteering. It is 2 days a month. You take the dogbones kids have collected, help them to count, and they select prizes. Mrs. Stepnowski will be coordinating. School Supply Kits: The teachers made lists and then it was opened for sales. We sold 51 kits. Received 5% back plus a boost for posting on socials. Total earned for this was \$343.22 (pending payout after 9/30). Parent Input Survey: Committee and party sign up - rankings of the survey for interesting activities (up to five responses): We use this to help drive what activities we do and what we use the money on. Activities: top ranked are: Ice Skating, Epic Air, , and bowling. Where parents would like us to use the fundraising money: recess consumables, field trips (financial support), classroom allocations, and assemblies. Some other ideas on where to spend money are: School mural, reduce noise level in the cafeteria, redo blacktop, and blacktop stencils. Staff ideas: cubbies for the kids.
Committee Updates	Teacher Appreciation: Run by co-chairs Chrissy Drager and Vaishali Shah With so much great feedback last year about monthly appreciation happening, we are aiming to continue that this year! For a Welcome back to school we had homemade scones provided by Chrissy Drager (co-chair for the committee). In September we provided snacks for curriculum night and stock the lounge

	October is Custodian Appreciation Day and a treat to be provided (normally it is our conferences dinner, but with that in early November, we still wanted to provide a fun treat for all. In December we will still do cookie exchange. Look for more to come on this and more. Boxtops: Meghan Powalish is our new committee chair. We have earned \$219.40 thus far. This is a great way to provide passive income. Right now there is a referral bonus happening, just scan the QR code and get signed up to automatically give \$10 back to the school. Lifetime Earnings - Prior to this going digital, this was a huge income source for us. Families clipped the tops and turned them in. We have a lifetime earnings of \$35,000! You scan your receipts or if you order online, you can submit your receipt to the email provided in the app and they will automatically tell you if you have earned anything back. Super simple! Yearbook: Last year we earned a profit of \$248.85 (money is still on the way. Received 3 free books and purchased 1. These were distributed the week before school let out to give the students an opportunity to get them signed by classmates. 26/27 Year: You can buy anytime, but through October 31st you get 10% off! Anytime there is an event, you can upload photos to the folders that are already in the app (Treering). Spirit Wear: We will be posting each month. As of 9/22 - TBD items sold (we are sent quarterly reports) BookFair: Coming in November - Dates are tentatively 11/11 - 11/18 with Family night possibly on 11/18. We NEED volunteers during the day to help make this happen! Please consider joining! Beautification: Vaishali and Angela co-chairs ● Past: ○ Vaishali made cute pencils hanging as you walk in, Angela with the back to school sign. ○ Pumpkins from our garden placed around the school ○ Put in Cups in both the front and back of the school ● Upcoming: Fall decor in pots and hanging Looking for a new bulldog Bart Costume: New costume has been purchased and a committee will be formed for this school year. Multiple Barts at more events 5th Grade Planning: Not yet started. Will cover signs (not this year because we bought enough last year to cover this year) and End of the year Party
Principal's Report	I want to start by saying it's great to see so many at this first meeting. I hope you'll come back if it's the first time. You may feel pressure to volunteer. We'd love that but if at minimum come to the meetings We love having the teachers here! The PTB is such a wonderful support for our teachers, students, and families. We have our events, before school starts we are welcoming new families and PTB president is

	talking to the parents, curriculum night, and PTB does the snacks, the monetary support and being in our school to help. Thank you! I know the teachers appreciate you. Stephanie and I talked about in the future, we may identify certain topics where we share things about the school you may be interested in. If there is something you want to learn about, write it out and let us know. Something happened at BHS - so maybe safety is a topic. Thank Angela for the bulldog garden sign New classrooms - We lost 6th grade, but we are expanding specials so we are utilizing some of those classrooms for specials - health, science, art, etc. Many other schools got specialized preschool classrooms. Our school didn't get preschool but we did get a specialized program for a 4th and 5th intensive instructional program where students who need the help are pulled out for extra support because they spend a high percentage of the time needing that help. We don't have any empty classrooms.
Teacher's Report	Ms. Anderson: We are planning concerts for the year - district has asked for 1 concert so was thinking the winter concert preference of winter - winter is preferred. Also contemplating maybe a talent show but would need help from volunteers to help run it. Mrs. Stepnowski: It means so much to me and teachers. The commitment and time and money, it means a lot. I'm impressed by all of your involvement here. It affects the culture. The dedication and doing what we do. Thanks for all you do for the students and teachers!
Misc	Don't forget McTeacher Night - We can use more teachers for second shift. November 10th is our next meeting
	Motion to Adjourn by Stephanie G at 8:08pm ; Seconded by Jenn S.