PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
9/19/23

Call to Order / Quorum

- The meeting was called to order by Jaci Kelleher, President, at 8:07am and a quorum was present.

Approval of meeting minutes

- Link to the 5/16/23 Minutes
- The minutes from the May 16th General Membership Meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Lauren Ibarra, seconded by Chris McGuire.
- Meeting Highlights/Review:
    - Approval of 2023-2024 Officers
    - Budget for 2023-2024 Adopted and Approved
    - Finished the year with 256 members (79% of goal)
    - Boosterthon and Cub Run raised $61,221
    - Review of fund plans
    - Review of Programs
    - Brainstorm New Programs

President's Report:

- PTA officers present asked to stand
- PTA provided ~$10K in school investments so far:
    - Art Cart
    - Chair Massage Day
    - Playground purchases, gaga pit, picnic table refurbishment
    - Teacher reimbursements for classroom expenses up to $300 moved to beginning of the year
    - Evaluating additional needs with Ms. Engel, including additional gaga pit

Treasurer's Report:

- Link to Report
- Highlights August 2023
    - Beginning Balance: $97,609.18
    - Expenses: $19,805.01
        - Bulk of expenses: teacher reimbursement, teacher lunch, t-Shirts, summer/special projects, boosterthon
    - Income: $783.41
    - Ending Balance: $78,587.58

Report of the PTA Executive Board:

- Membership-
    - 225 Members. 75% of our goal (300 members).
    - Types of memberships available: Individual ($10), Family ($20) and Staff ($5)
    - 45% goes to State PTA to be used for student advocacy at the state level
    - Call for Sponsored Teacher Memberships, goal is 100% of our Teacher/Staff are members.
        - Last week, drawing held for teacher/staff memberships purchased
        - If purchasing for a teacher, you can specify a name. If duplicates, it will be applied to another teacher or general fund
- Fundraising
    - Spirit Wear: We sold ~$4K so far.
    - Sponsorship Levels: Hospitality $300, Event $500, Premier Event $750, Platinum $1K
        - Each level would come with different opportunities to advertise business all year
        - Call for sponsors made
        - BCL sponsors: $100 for activity booth; $50 for swag
    - Madam Mam's sponsored teacher lunch last week
    - Spirit Nights:
        - 9/21 at Art Garage (signups preferred but not required)
        - 10/9 at Epic Fun - corrected date previously shared in slides
        - 11/13 at Torchy's
        - 12/5 at Via 313
- Programs/Events
    - Bear Creek Limits 10/20
        - Not a fundraising event; goal is to break even

        - Build community, have fun, bring cub families together
        - Activities:
            - Sponsored + grade level activity booths
            - Food trucks: mr. softee, chick fila, crepe crazy, stony's pizza, kona ice
            - Inflatables, obstacle course, fire trucks, little kid play area, yard games
            - DJ, mascot, photos opps
        - Wristbands:
            - $25 wristbands required only for children.
            - Available until 10/13. Some available at the door, but encouraging presale
            - Presale wristbands exceeded expectations. Projected 200; sold 230
            - You can bring kids that don't go to Bear Creek
        - Volunteers needed
            - Link to sign up via cub new Volunteer Smore.
            - High school/college students can help as well.
        - Sponsors:
            - Area - water station, portapotties, DJ, food court
            - $100 Booths - kid-friendly activity
            - $50 to include flyer in swag bag
    - Movie Night 11/10 (incl. short general membership meeting)
        - Mario Bros movie
        - Food for purchase or BYO
        - Free!
        - No pets, tobacco, or alcohol
    - Caring Cubs - November TBD
    - Winter Dance- 1/26
    - Cub Run 3/8
    - Cultural Night April TBD
      Art Night May TBD
- Teacher Appreciation
    - Held a new teacher-only luncheon
    - Staff breakfast/lunches being planned for each month
    - Planning to stock the lounges in May
    - Chair Massage Day!
    - Teacher reimbursement funded in August for this school year
- Volunteers & Committees
    - Visit Smore within cub hub for all volunteer opportunities and guidelines
        - PTA Facebook page, room parents soliciting volunteers
        - Cafeteria volunteers still needed
    - Everyone needs a background check
    - Current Initiatives:
        - Walk to School Week- week of Oct. 4
        - Festival and Movie Night Support
        - Culture Committee
        - Yearbook
        - Book Fair
        - Teacher and staff appreciation
    - After school enrichment activities still available in Wicked Workshop, iPiano, iCode, Cook Learn Grow
    - Contact bce.volunteers@bearcreekelementarypta.org with questions
- Reflections Arts Contest
    - Theme: I am hopeful because…
    - Deadline for submission Friday, Oct. 27th
    - Open to all BCE students*
        - *Required, one parent must be a PTA member
    - Categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts
    - Entries can be submitted to the front office or emailed to danipoag@gmail.com
    - Visit txpta.org/reflections for more info.
    - Questions? Reach out to Dani DeLuna

Upcoming Dates:

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    - September
        - Spirit Night @ Art Garage 9/21
    - October
        - Walk to School Week of 10/4
        - Spirit day at Epic Fun 10/9 (corrected date previously shared in slides)
        - BCL Festival 10/20
        - Reflections Contest Submissions Due 10/27
    - November/December
        - GMM and Movie Night 11/10, 5PM Mtg, 6PM Movie
        - Spirit Night @ Torchys 11/13
        - Spirit Night @ Via 313 12/5

New Business:

- Appoint non-signer to review the monthly bank statements - Nery
- Appoint BCL Festival Committee Chair - Stephanie Bomley
- Appoint Financial Reconciliation Committee (FRC) - Ashley Martinez, Erin Barbier, Veronica Norman

Questions

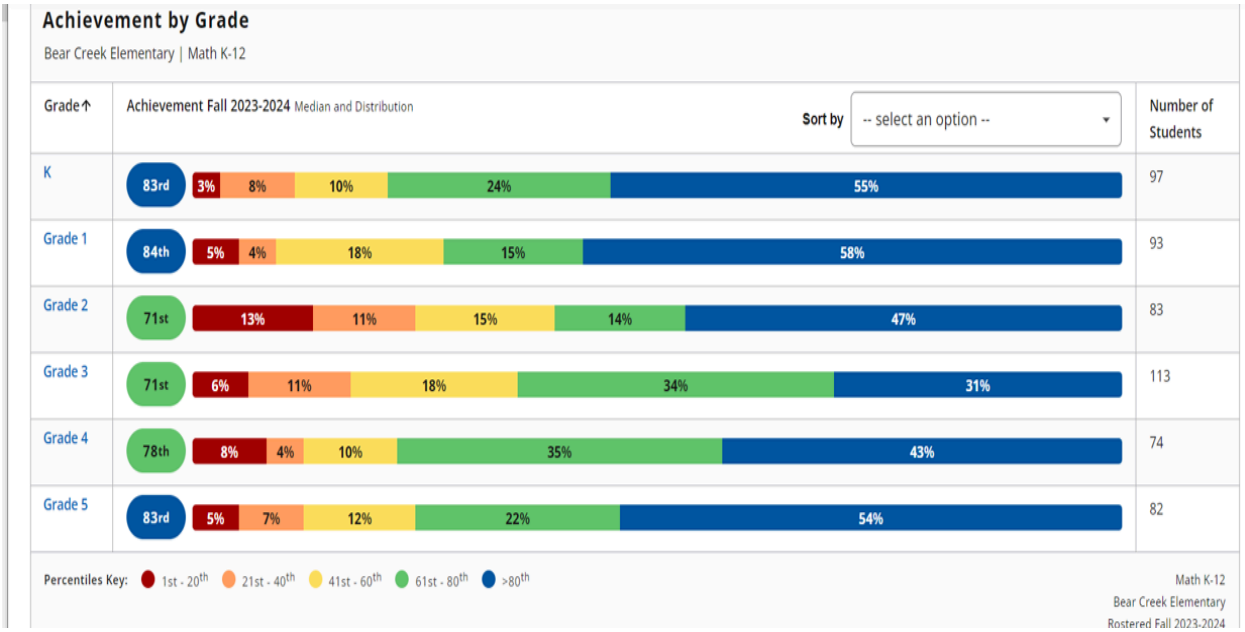
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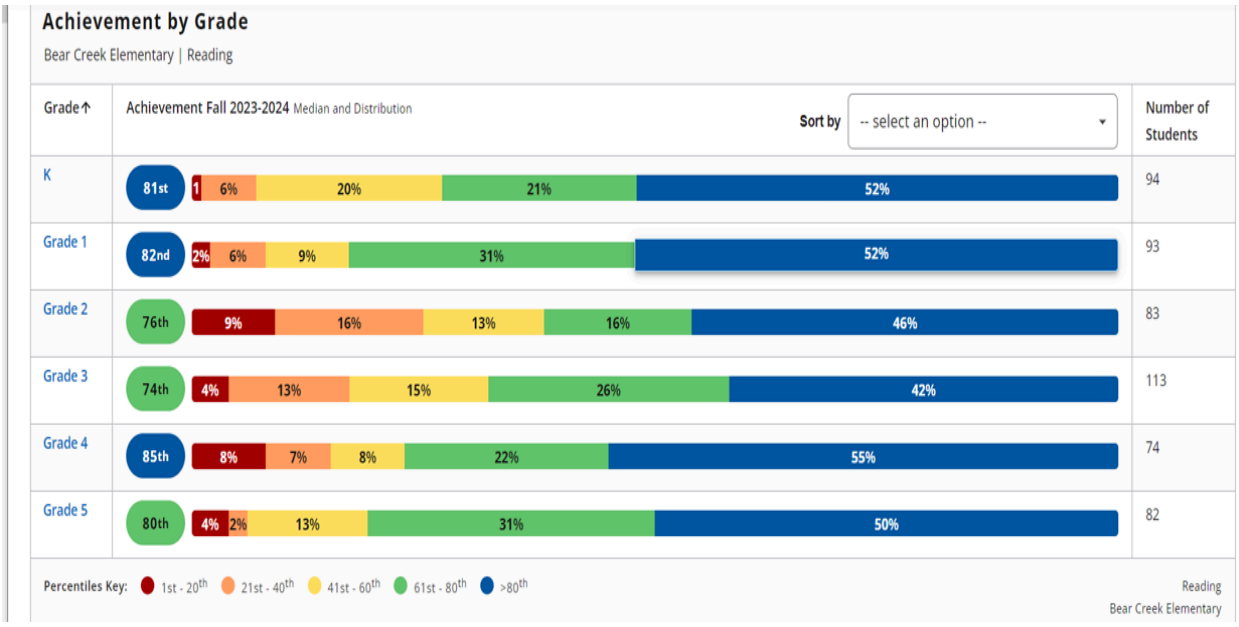
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am by Jaci Kelleher

Principal Message:

- 580 student enrollment; about 3 classrooms over capacity
- Space usage:
    - No firm construction plans; intend to break ground in 2025
    - No current plans for Portables due to security concerns
    - 2nd art teacher in Community room
    - Frozen to transfers
    - Parent lunches on cafeteria stage or courtyard
- MAP Testing Percentiles (based on national data)
    - Math
        - K: 83rd
        - 1: 84th
        - 2: 71st
        - 3: 71st
        - 4: 78th
        - 5: 83rd



- Reading
  - K: 81st
  - 1: 82nd
  - 2: 76th
  - 3: 74th
  - 4: 85th
  - 5: 80th



  - With additional art and music teachers, grade level teachers have more time to plan
  - K-2 is orally administered test; 2-5 is a different test read themselves
- Glfted & Talented Nominating Window Sept 18-Oct 6
  - James Christian (music teacher) will also be GT Advocate

- Redesign of master schedule - 2nd special or FIT time (library, counseling or extension activities)
- Wow Work Wednesdays shared on morning announcements