

Bush Excellence Committee – BEC
SDMC
October 19, 2016

1. Welcome

2. **Budget**

- State of the School
 - Enrollment – 868 – This is down from 876 (a lot of families are moving due to parent's jobs being transferred)
 - Capped – School-wide
 - \$9,136.82 lost for next year as of attendance on 10/18/16
 - Absence rates on Mondays and Fridays are at least 3 – 5 times higher than any other day of the week.
 - Teacher will continue to push attendance on those days, especially on Mondays and Fridays. Students miss a lot of opportunities by being absent. Most teachers administer skill checks on Fridays which gives them valuable information to plan for the upcoming week.

3. **Instruction**

- TEA School Rating/Accountability – Met Standard and received 6/6 Distinctions
 - Only 5% of ALL Texas schools meet this distinction.
 - Attendance is the reason we meet all distinction.

4. **Staff Development**

- November 16 – Early Dismissal Day – 12:20 – 3:15
 - Rigorous Work at Bush – GT Conference Discoveries – Mrs. Rose, Ms. McCormick, Miss Bard, and Miss Wilson will share information from the GT conference.

5. **Other School Concerns**

- Pre-kindergarten Registration Process
 - The process of Pre-K Registration must change due to safety concerns.
 - Mrs. Rose has collaborated with the principal at Daily regarding concerns of the 1st come registration process.
 - Bush has 2 Pre-K classrooms and a total of 44 students. Each teacher is only 50% funded. The other 50% for each teacher and the 2 teaching assistants are funded through the school's budget.
 - The BEC committee reviewed the draft of "Pre-K for Bush Zoned Students Spring 2017" document.
 - The Pre-K lottery application overview will be in the tour handouts.
 - Parents will be notified of tour dates via Paw Prints.
 - Parent information meeting will be Monday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m. Applications will be disseminated at that time. Parent that do not attend the meeting will be able to get applications from the front office after the information meeting date.
 - There will be a timeframe in which parents may submit **completed** applications.
 - Numbers **will not** be attached to individual packets at the time of submission.
 - Lottery will be drawn anonymously by the BEC committee in the April 18th meeting. 100 names will be drawn. The 1st 28 will be processed and qualified either tuition based

ESL or economically disadvantaged. Names will be added in groups of 10 until all 44 slots have been filled.

- Parent notification of the 100 drawn names will be by May 26th.
- BEC MEMBERS WILL HAVE A JOYOUS JEANS DAY APRIL 19TH

- Recess – parent concern

- BEC committee reviewed a letter that was anonymously delivered to PTO board regarding recess. The parent expressed concern with using recess for punishment.
- Discussion Points:
 - ✦ We are all aware of the importance of recess, however, there are times that teachers need to keep students in. (i.e. when they've been absent and need to complete make ups and/or to re-teach/re-test objectives to ensure mastery)
 - ✦ Bush is currently meeting TEA guidelines via track, P.E. and recess for all days.
 - ✦ Teachers will be mindful of how frequently individual students stay in for recess.
 - ✦ It's important for children to learn that actions have consequences. When you don't turn in homework or complete classwork there will be a consequence.
 - ✦ Don't punish the child for something the parent did or didn't do. (I.e. not having parent's signature on reading log).
 - ✦ Don't think of missed recess as a punishment, but rather an opportunity to make something right.
 - ✦ We don't know who the parent is that expressed concern. Teachers recommend that parents discuss behavioral concerns with their child's teachers so it can be addressed on an individual bases.

- Start thinking of ideas for Mrs. Bush's visit.

- Concern – Smart watches – a student was identified recording other students while walking track

- Mrs. Tiet will research the policy on smart watches.
- Mrs. Rose suggest that if it is seen, follow the same procedures as with cell phones. They will get a warning, and the next time it will be placed in the June Box for parents to pick up.

- Mrs. Scott offered to verify leases during registration.

Start: 3:20 End: 4:22

In attendance:

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| Theresa Rose | Kelly Strange | Kelly McCormick | Valerie McMaster |
| Jennifer Bard | Katie King | Carin Malmar | Erin Pham |
| Mary Hacopian | Kasaundra Hall | Karen Brown | Nancy Scott |
| Maria Graf | Jessica McKay | Nara Jeffus | Cindy Tiet (non-voting) |