

PTO Meeting 10/14/2025 Hybrid Option

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Agenda Items:

1. BOE Appreciation - We have the t-shirts - I will add cards and gift bags. Do we have students interested in attending to give them to the BOE members at the beginning of the meeting? Time for students to be present would be at the beginning of the meeting 7:15pm
2. New Google Reimbursement Form- Good way to track on a spread sheet to see where reimbursements are going. PTO would get this form emailed to them once it was submitted.
3. Price for magnets at Fall Fest? \$2.00 price point
4. Should we do a Golf Style Berlin Mountaineer Umbrella Fundraiser? - It has been a long time and they were popular.
5. Do we have the check set for the Berlin Bus to the Cancer Walk? Walk on Sunday transportation will be provided. Mr Bernsley will obtain information on how much and who to make the check out to.
6. What do we need to prepare for and still need for the Monster Mash & STEAM Night? Volunteers are still needed. Recommend to re send out the sign up genius. Also will need a petty cash box or concessions. Decorations purchased. Spread sheet going with permission slips. Karen will DJ the dance again. Reach out to the email interest group or volunteers. Google form idea was suggested for song requests.
7. Very generous donations to Helping Hands submitted by Deanna Baker from Taconic Plastics \$2,100 and the Greens \$250

**BES Principal Report:**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during Picture Day and the Book Fair. We would not be able to run these wonderful events with you!

Open House was a success, families gathered in the gym to visit the various information tables that were set up as well as enjoy a hot dog, chips, and drink. Thank you to the Turetsky children for manning the grill.

Students enjoyed a visit from our local librarians who presented kids with a card to fill out and return to their local library to obtain their own library card. Classes will have the opportunity to benefit from programs presented by these librarians once a month in the BES library.

Excited for the Monster Mash Dance that will be happening on the 24th. Kindergarten and Stars went to Ioka Today. K-2 After school enrichment starts on the 28th and will run for four weeks. 3-5 Enrichment will be in the Spring.

**Principal Report MS/HS Mr Bernsley:** Mid term reports went out today. If you did not receive one for your child please contact the main office. Spirit week starts on Friday at MS/HS by student council. All Drama Production rehearsals start next week. PSAT information will come out next week. Financial Aid tomorrow night 10/15/2025 very informative and a good opportunity to learn more information will be in the library. Continue to struggle with attendance at the MS/HS level. Having attendance chats with counselors and staff to understand what the school can do to help them get to school and support them at school. Behavior on buses is a concern and continuing to work on how to address this and how serious this can be when the bus driver is driving. Dance for High School 10/24. Harvest Fest 10/18/25 with a car show. PTO will offer a free bouncy house.

9. NHS- Would they like to offer child care at future hybrid meetings? Will pursue if there is an interest. Making sure the door is unlocked at BES for meetings.

10. Holiday Shop BES - Need to start ordering so shipments come in for the shop time frame. Should we make a sub committee to get this organized similar to the Monster Mash Dance. Need to have all orders in before the end of October to ensure shipping in a timely manner. We also need to talk to Jodi about the date for Shop to run at BES. Renee offered to come in and go through items for the holiday shop to see what we have.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY November 12th at 6:30pm due to the 11th being a Veterans Day Holiday.