Bellaire General PTO Meeting – September 25, 2025

(Meeting conducted at Bellaire High School)

Call to Order: Tricia Onufer called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Attendance: Tricia Onufer, Tiffany Morrisette, Dawn Pennington, Melissa Bayne, Julie Goldberger, Kenya Ellis, Liz Rich, Allison Rudin, Jennifer Deneen, Mr. Niggli, Debbie Campbell

Voting Item: Updated Bylaws and New Members

- Kenya Ellis motioned to approve the bylaws and new members. Julie Goldberger second the motion.
- All in attendance voted for the new bylaws and the new members for 2025-2026

President Report: Tiffany Morrisette reported.

- Discussed the highlights of 2024-2025 PTO year
    - Record breaking Annual Campaign
    - Successful Soiree & Homecoming events
- 2025 Summer Grant Recipients gave a presentation about how they were able to use their grants for the summer activities they participated in
    - Weston Benner, Joy Xia, Allyson Nguyen, Elly Zhang, Annabel Qui, Rayna Prikh
- Discussed upcoming 2025 College Fair
- Introduced PTO Sponsor Staying Ahead of the Game

Principal's Report:

- Discussed the importance of getting more families to fill out the Socioeconomic Forms for the 25-26 school year
    - Initially encouraged online participation, but will now send paper forms home
    - Current participation is low
    - This form impacts funding for the school which includes teacher positions
- Discussed new Texas law HB 1481
    - No personal communication device during the instructional day
    - Majority of students are being compliant with the new law
- Discussed the overall A rating the school achieved
    - CCMR points earned by Bellaire students increased from 68.2% (2023 graduates) to 92.2% (2024 graduates)
    - AP Results with a 3+ on an AP Exam
        - In the span of 4 years has increased from 74% to 87%

PTO Board Reports

Treasurer: Dawn Pennington reported.

- Starting Balances (as of 8/31/2025):
- Checking: $110,796.40
- Savings: $50,302.57
- Reserve: ($20,000.00)
- Total Available: $141,098.97
- Total Income (to-date): $4,372.69
- Total Expenses (to-date): $11,126.43

VP of Budget and Finance: Bara Reyna nothing to report.

VP Fundraising Melissa Bayne and Valerie Davis

- Discussed the upcoming "Stronger Together" campaign

VP Corporate Sponsorship: Margaret Flippen nothing to report.

VP Communications: Liz Rich nothing to report.

VP School Relations: Allison Rudin and Jennifer Deneen reported

- Promoted Homecoming Dance

Secretary: Kenya Ellis reported

- Promoted upcoming Homecoming Tailgate Party

Parliamentarian: Cindy Wu

- Tricia Onufer presented the new Bylaws on her behalf

Past President: Julie Goldberger nothing to report.

President-Elect: Tricia Onufer nothing to report.

President Tricia Onufer adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM.

Minutes submitted by: Kenya Ellis, Secretary