



# Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/7/2024

## Attendees

Kendall Burr, Allie Comley, Artemis Lang, Kristen Byers

## Agenda

### Call to order

Allie Comley called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

### Approval of previous minutes

Kendall moved that we accept the September minutes. Allie seconded. Motion carried.

### Principal Report: Kendall Burr

- Have added 6 new paras, new staffing.
- Gearing up for conferences next week
- Trunk or Treat around the corner
- Last spring started a partnership with KU graduate students, observers and peers observing peers and helping set goals and celebrating progress. Strengthening social-emotional practices in the classrooms
- Families with kids with IEPs will see a new version of the assessment tool soon. Birth to age 6 progress tool.
- Thinking ahead for Spring - look into Costo for gift card purchases for teacher appreciation. (ex: we purchase Jose Peppers gift cards to pay for food so PTA benefits with price)

## Parents as Teachers Report: Michelle Kelly

- We will push for families to enroll
  - Another round of Playgroup announcements about the PTA, any board members can introduce PTA at playgroups they attend to put a face to a name
  - Lots of new enrollment for PAT families of babies
  - Look into updating Facebook/Instagram with new PTA info
  - Put slide in Soft Start (throughout the year) about PTA
- We had a great turn out for Conscious Discipline Event and good feedback, fun to see so many families there
- Wrote a BVEF grant to create literacy activity backpacks that parents could check out
- PE's say thank you for increase for playgroup pay!

## Treasurer Report: Darcie Giles and Megan Dumas

Our treasurer, Zac Levin, has stepped down and Megan is currently recruiting a replacement. Megan emailed the members asking for a volunteer and received a response from two interested members. Darcie Giles, last year's treasurer, is helping Megan with the treasurer responsibilities in the interim and will talk with the two interested members,

Darcie reports that we are up to 88 members which is down 40 from where we were at last year and makes a significant difference in our budget.

Darcie completed a budget for the year and we were able to increase the pay of our educators to \$75 a playgroup.

Not going to move any funds around for Conference Food, we will do a grab-and-go meal at this time.

## Vice President of Preschool Report: Allie Comley

- Conference Week (Food):
  - Update teachers list of Favorites for food intolerances for Conference Week.
  - Monday night Minsky's pizza and salad: 45 people
  - Thursday Lunch HyVee
  - Asking for Parent Volunteers this year for Conference Week with food set up/clean up
- Trunk or Treat - 29th:
  - Requested Parking Lot - done

- Sign ups for set up/clean ups
- Ask Room Parents to help set up trunks or get someone to sign up
- Kendall will reach out to National Honors Society service hours to help with Trunk or Treat event

## Vice President of PAT Report: Kristen Byers

Upcoming outing: Powell Gardens next Friday, October 11th

Upcoming playgroups: We did back to back playgroups on 10/4 and both sign ups were full.

Upcoming music times: Music with Miss Rae is scheduled for Friday, October 18th for 2 back to back sessions.

## President's Report: Megan Dumas

Megan found a volunteer to assist with the preschool fair. She has experience with Google slides and will create our digital resource. Megan will send the letter to the vendors this week.

## Meeting Adjourned:

7:08 p.m.

## Next meeting:

Monday, November 4th at 6:30