Minutes - BSI PTO General Meeting  
Thursday, May 19th 2015

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Samantha Delman-Caserta at 6:40pm. There were 30 members in attendance.

The April 2015 minutes were read by Samantha Delman-Caserta (on behalf of the Co-Secretaries) and were approved unanimously by the membership.

Principal's Report - Donna Taylor  
Watch video here: [http://bit.ly/1QeioBK](http://bit.ly/1QeioBK) special THANKS! to James Ng for filming during the event.

- Donna is planning to add a 6th/7th Grade Science teacher, a 7th grade Math teacher and a Spanish teacher (the language teacher is dependent on the funds). They have been conducting demos to find teachers. They found candidates for all subjects except Science and will continue to look until they find someone they are head over heels about.
- Concentrations will be added to include documentary filmmaking, journalism.
- Looking to create lunchtime and recess clinics. These would include Spanish, Library, Journalism, Film Making, Chess. These will be drop in clinics and will be managed based on demand. This will allow and foster independence and honor the students free time.
- 4th Grade next year will look like 5th Grade did this year. Each subject will be taught by a separate teacher.
- Full time music teacher will be hired.
- Violin will need to be reshaped.
- 7th grade will shrink as people leave and those seats will not be filled.

Nomination committee

- Following are the Board members for the 2015-2016 academic year voted in and unanimously approved:
  - President- David Orsolino
  - Executive VP- Celeste Ivers
  - Treasurer- Mark Caserta
  - Assistant Treasurers- Yulianna Shamayev, Inessa Eppel
  - Secretary- James Ng
  - VP of Fundraising- Alison Offerman-Celentano & Jim Butsikares
  - VP of Parent Involvement- Rosemary Titievsky & Allyssa Yuan
  - VP of Communications- Nick Kremer & Julia Lyakhovich
  - Parliamentarian- Cathy Joseph

2015-2016 SLT candidates were unanimously approved.

- Stacy Butsikares
- Tricia Ragone
- Joy Nolan
Treasurers report

See statement, As of 4/30/2015 cash in bank was $348,921.03

Fundraising Report

- Direct appeal going strong. Gala ads are still available in the gala program.
- Mobile bidding is underway and will help raise more funds.
- BSI t-shirts are coming
- Cyclone game: Tickets go on sale June 1st ($17/ticket) If 250 tickets are sold, school will get $8/ticket.

EVP Report

- The students voted to donate money collected from penny drive to St. Jude’s Hospital.
- Movie Night was a success. Kids participated and sold tickets. Middle school movie night is going to be an offshoot to make it interesting for older kids. Volunteers now needed to run lower grade movie nights. Please contact Joy or Celeste.
- Gala preparations are under way. Need volunteers to help set up/clean up and help run mobile bidding.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm