BRES PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2026

VIA ZOOM

1. **Call to Order**: Ashley Shivers at 6:30pm
    a. **Attendance:**
        Ashley Shivers
        Ashlie Smith
        Julia O'Grodnick
        Samantha Wilkins
        Humera Khan
        Melissa L. Yuditsky
        Katrina MacWhorter
        Kelly Bernard

2. **Review of Last Meeting's Minutes**
    a. Approved - Julia O'Grodnick
    b. 2nd - Ashlie Smith

3. **Approval of Updated Bylaws**
    a. Members were reminded that the current and revised bylaws were available on the PTO website.
    b. The updated bylaws were approved by members during the meeting.
        i. Approved – Samantha Wilkins
        ii. 2nd – Julia O'Grodnick

4. **Officers' Reports**
    a. **President's Report** – Ashley Shivers
        i. The PTO has secured approximately $1,000 in sponsorship support to help fund activities before Boosterthon. One sponsor, Auntie Anne's/Cinnabon, participated at the Block Party.
        ii. The PTO is awaiting a Spirit Night check from Chipotle of approximately $100 and has received the check from Swirlies.
        iii. The PTO will retain the full-service Boosterthon package this year to allow additional time to evaluate options for future years.
        iv. The Spirit Wear store is closed. The President is obtaining a quote for a possible bulk order of additional items for the PTO table.
        v. Teacher wish lists are mostly complete. Remaining lists are expected by the end of October or sometime in November; families may contact the PTO for available list information.

    b.

c. **Vice-President's Report** - Ashlie Smith
    i. No separate officer business to report. The Vice President will provide additional information during the Communications update.

d. **Treasurer's Report** – Humera Khan
    i. Block Party expenses were approximately $1,000, primarily for food. Spirit Wear sales brought in approximately $274, with additional activity to appear in the next monthly statement.
    ii. Sponsorships have provided additional income. The President reported approximately $1,000 in sponsor support; the Treasurer also discussed sponsor contributions during the report.
    iii. The PTO began the fiscal year on July 1 with approximately $7,870 and had a balance of $3,207.64 at the end of September.
    iv. Additional fundraising income, including proceeds from upcoming events and Boosterthon, will help support the remainder of the year's activities.

e. **Secretary's Report** – Samantha Wilkins
    i. No separate report.

f. **Member at Large's Report** - Lucia Dorr
    i. No report was provided.

5. **Principal's Report** – Mrs. Yuditsky
    a. Reminded families that Monday, October 12, is a teacher workday; there will be no school for students.
    b. Thanked the PTO for a successful Block Party, noting strong attendance and positive feedback about the food, vendors, and overall event.

6. **Vice Principal's Report -** Mrs. MacWhorter
    a. Reported that Walk to School Day was successful, with many families walking, biking, or riding to school and students enjoying the activity.
    b. Shared appreciation for the PTO Block Party and noted the positive feedback she had heard.

7. **Committee Updates**
    A. Fundraising
        - Spirit Wear: The online store is closed. A possible bulk order for additional items is being explored, depending on the quote and timing.
        - Spirit Night: The next Spirit Night is scheduled for October 19 at Sazón Latina in Gainesville.
        - Boosterthon/Fun Run: The PTO will use the full-service package this year and revisit package options for a future year.
        - Block Party Sponsorships: The ice cream truck sponsor made a donation, and the cookie/donut vendor is expected to send a check.
    B. Events
        - Pounce into Kindergarten – August 14 (completed).

- Block Party: The event was well attended and received positive feedback. Thanks were extended to Brandon and Julia for cooking and helping the event run smoothly, and to participating vendors.
- Costume Bingo: Flyers and pre-order information are being prepared. Prizes have been ordered, and an Amazon wish list is available for trick-or-treat line donations. A Candy Monster collection container will be available for donated items.
    - Volunteers: Additional help is needed for bingo calling, the pre-sales/sales table, and cleanup.
    - Many volunteer slots have already been filled by middle school students.
- Teacher Workday: A staff breakfast is planned for the October 12 teacher workday; menu selection and ordering are underway.
- Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night: The November date is being reconsidered because of scheduling conflicts with other PTO activities. The event may be moved to January.

C. Communications
- Website - Monthly meeting minutes and the monthly newsletter are posted on the PTO website; the October newsletter was posted on the day of the meeting. Event ticketing and volunteer links are available from the website's front page.
- Yearbook: An additional volunteer is needed to help coordinate the yearbook. Tasks include organizing student class sections and adding pages; a previous yearbook volunteer can provide guidance.
- Bulletin Board: The bulletin board was updated with the October and November event calendars.

8. **Open Discussion**
    a. Members praised the Block Party for its strong attendance, music, food, and overall atmosphere. Appreciation was reiterated for the volunteers and community partners who helped with the event.
    b. Members were encouraged to review meeting minutes on the PTO website before future meetings and to use the website for current event information, ticket purchases, and volunteer opportunities.

9. **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**
    a. November 4, 2026
    b. Meeting Adjourned at 6:46pm by Ashley Shivers.