

**Beaverton Academy of Science and Engineering PTO**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**February 26, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

***DRAFT until approved at next meeting***

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm

**Minutes:** January meeting minutes were approved

**Welcome:** President, Ethan Bean welcomed all members. A special welcome to the parents of our 2024-25 school year parents. We're so glad to have you here tonight!

**Officer Reports:**

**Ethan Bean, President:**

**The PTO Website is live!**

Parents can find all the PTO information on our new website, please go to [www.basepto.org](http://www.basepto.org) to check it out!

We currently have a SignUp Genius for the Spring Formal, if you would like to help supply refreshments for the formal please take a look and sign up. All help is very appreciated!

**Natasha Green, Vice President:**

**Diane Fitzpatrick, Principal:**

BASE is expanding the Computer Science & Information Technology Pathway. This Pathway has been updated and will provide expanded courses to students interested in the Information and Technology side of computer science. With the birth of AI the landscape in computer science is changing, the Computer Science and Information Technology Pathway (CSIT) will prepare students for college or job opportunities after graduation.

**ACT Testing-**

March 12, 2024, there is no school for 6-9th graders. 10th graders will take the Pre-ACT test and 11th graders will take the ACT test. 12th graders will be presenting their Passages. The student's presentation will focus on their journey at BASE, academic work, evidence of character growth, and personal reflection.

**Staff Appreciation-**

Continued thanks from the staff for all the PTO is doing for students and staff!

### **New student Get Together-**

Our new to BASE parents asked about activities that would allow the new incoming students the opportunity to get to know on another prior to school starting. Principal Fitzpatrick will be hosting a New Family Meet & Greet on May 2nd for all new incoming students to BASE.

She also explained that the first day of school is just for 6th and 9th graders. This gives them the opportunity to come together as a community and helps facilitate friendship and camaraderie among the students.

### **Terri Hammond, BASE Social Worker - Guest Speaker**

Terri shared how grateful the staff is for the PTO and our activities in supporting them and the students of BASE.

Terri's main roll is support the students and family's in need of services. She helps link them to the appropriate community services needed. She is very interested in partnering with the PTO on projects, the most urgent being providing gift card to families to use during Spring Break. Many students take food home on Friday's to get them through the weekend but with no school during Spring Break she is looking for help filling that need.

The PTO is eager to meet with Terri to determine how we can best be of help. More to follow.

Terri, We appreciate you for taking the time to attend our meeting, we look forward to partnering with you!

### **Bettina Jeszenszky, Treasurer:**

#### **IRS Update-**

For those new to the PTO Bettina gave a brief overview of the current constraints the PTO is facing concerning spring fundraising. For those who don't know the PTO business affairs were not precisely managed during the Covid years, so we are working on getting our non-profit status reinstated by the IRS. We are currently awaiting a letter from the IRS either reinstating our non-profit status or advising us we have more work to do in that regard.

Our lack of non-profit status prevents us from actively fundraising but we are very hopeful that we will be able to have a spring fundraiser to support upcoming events at BASE, specifically for Prom. The board will work on an A and B path to help with this event and we're asking the question what it looks like if we are unable to fundraiser this school year.

The current budget was reviewed.

**Drinda Battaile & Dysis Munasinghe, Co-Volunteer Coordinators:**

**Passages Volunteers-**

We are short of volunteers for next week. We desperately need volunteers for the student Passages presentation. If you can help, please sign in to MyImpact for more details.

**Other-**

We are also working on a plan and looking forward to fundraising to spiff up the outdoor seating area for students. We would like to power wash the tables and benches, they're in great need of a good cleaned up. This task would be done after school hours or on the weekend.

Principal Fitzpatrick will check with the Beaverton School District Facilities Department to see if there are any barriers for us to do this work.

**Next Meeting: March 18, 2024 at 2:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:06 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Lavers, Secretary