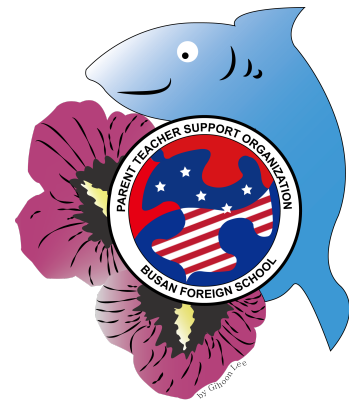


PTSO PARENT MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD 2021

****INCLUDES MEETING NOTES****



A general reminder of PTSO's mission was given:

Creating a united and caring community to support BFS students, teachers, and families. PTSO achieves this goal through organising and coordinating events, fundraisers, and supporting extra-curricular activities.

PTSO meets monthly every first Friday of the month at 11:30 am.

Last year we could not have many parents on campus, but we hope with the relaxing of social distancing we can do more things together. Otherwise, we will find other ways to connect using the available technology. The importance is to stay connected.

SCHOOL UPDATES

1. **25th year-anniversary - 25 years a Shark**

Expect a year full of activities around this theme

Participate in the Spirit tee competition by Sept. 10th! / Weekly Raffle / Poetry contest.

2. Returning to **full in-person learning** on Monday Sept. 6.

=> Sick policy reminder (check your emails). Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

● **WASC critical learner needs and goals**

=> Based on internal review, feedback from teachers, students and parents, some main areas for improvement have been identified:

- Social/Emotional growth and safety
- Promoting a culture of learning

Based on these two areas, three goals have been identified:

Goal 1: This is a continuation and refinement from the previous action plan. We will increase the level of support for student emotional growth and safety by improving the advisory program in MS/HS, intentionally

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recognizing and celebrating diversity, and monitoring/improving student support in ES.

Goal 2: We will fully implement a Human Development and Sexual Health curriculum in Grades 1-8. Grades 9-12 will include advisory based lessons once per semester.

Goal 3: We will utilize authentic assessments that are linked to prioritized standards in all grade levels as part of an ongoing process of improving academic rigor while ensuring the success of all students.

- 3. After-school clubs and sports** (limited in enhanced safety mode)
=> we are happy to be able to offer an after school program. Elementary sign ups went out last week. MS&HS are receiving information through the morning memo and a club fair will also be organised the week of Sep. 6th.
- 4. Human Development at BFS** (health & sex-education)
=> On Sep. 10th an email with more information regarding content will be sent out. On Sep. 17th Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Brenneman will host presentations and provide additional information on how parents may opt out for their children. Lessons given by the Principals will begin in October.
- 5. NWEA MAP testing:** Grades 2-11 will be tested in Reading, Mathematics, and Language Usage in late September (after Chuseok)
- 6. Coffee with the Principals** (resuming) : Part 1: school presentation, part 2: submitted questions. [use form for you to suggest topics: <https://forms.gle/VTVMoGiLgYFMzqJo8>]

GETTING ORGANISED

- **PTSO PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**
 - Parent representatives (4).
Apply by completing the form: <https://forms.gle/zVh4TZLREESkvXG36>
- Secretary (taking notes at the meetings, setting the agenda).

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL	Presentations about topics parents have shown an interest in. Answers to questions parents have	30 min session prior to PTSO meeting.
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	raised. => Google Form	
PARENT REPS (4)	Bi-lateral feedback. Keeping the rest of the parents engaged and informed.	Quarterly face-to-face with Admin
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- **PTSO EVENTS FOR THE YEAR** (based on the past)

Sep-Oct:

- Founder's Day (Oct.15th)
- NHS Induction (Week of Oct.25th)
- Halloween (Oct. 29th)

FUNDING REQUESTS (request form link: <http://goo.gl/forms/yymibwWeYT>)

PTSO Current accounts (3,656,000 krw)

No funding requests received to date

PTSO does not ask for funds for membership. Everyone is welcome.

OPEN FLOOR

Other events having been held in the past:

- Father daughter dance
- Mother son casino
- Egg hunt
- Concession stands during sports events
- Staff appreciation breakfast

Some of the parental expressed expectations:

- Increase contribution
- Opportunities to volunteer

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- Be there for my kid in their life at BFS

The school would love to count on your participation to celebrate your own cultures at BFS. BFS sees its diversity as a strength.

Thank you all for your participation!