

2023-2024 Executive Board Slate



Executive Board Overview

To operate fully, we need 1 president, 1 treasurer, 1 secretary and 4 vice presidents.

Note: If we do not have enough volunteer leaders, we may have to cancel critical fundraising events that will affect programs we support financially, such as Cultural Arts programs for each grade level.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is made up of volunteers that support BLES! As a volunteer leader, you get to use your current skills or explore areas of interest – such as being a financial planner, project manager or website designer, photographer and more! Plus, you can gain skills in running an organization

or event, gain insight into how our school operates, spend meaningful planning time with admins and teachers and make a difference at your child's school and create memories.

Our purpose is to:

1. Enhance the educational environment at Berkeley Lake Elementary through volunteer and financial resources.
2. Promote communication between the school administration, staff, parents and students.
3. Foster pride in Berkeley Lake Elementary throughout the community.

We host over 20 activities – school traditions – every year to help raise money for things like classroom books and supplies, teacher appreciation events, STEM Night and cultural activities for every grade level.

The board develops programs that advance the PTO's mission and purpose. It establishes and oversees the PTO's annual budget and manages the committee structure and activities. The board actively seeks volunteers to serve the school community and create cultural events and fundraising programs. The board collaborates with the school's administration to develop these programs in support of the school's curriculum and needs of the teachers and students.

President

The president presides at General PTO meetings and Executive Board meetings. He/She serves as the official representative of the PTO and oversees the Executive Board, budget and committee structures. The president ensures the maintenance of all official records, appoints a nominating committee or otherwise directs the continual engagement of general membership and active committee volunteers for potential board service.

Upon leaving office, he/she assists the incoming new board in preparation of the initial budget and planning for the succeeding year.

Co-President

Candidate: Tali Boots

Tali has 2 kiddos (rising 5th and 3rd grades) at BLES and is currently serving her 2nd year on the board. She, along with Casey Case, brought Room Parents back to BLES and enjoys seeing all the kids excited at the after school events we host at the school, especially Bear Scare!

Tali also owns her own business as a mental health therapist in Berkeley Lake.



Co-President



Candidate: Pam Bloch

Pam Bloch has a rising 5th grader and 2nd grader at BLES. She began with PTO as a member of the Yearbook Committee and has served as both secretary and Co-President with the board. She has just completed a two year term on the State School Superintendent's Advisory Council for

When she is not chasing after her children and husband, she can be found working for UGA Extension as the 4-H Agent for Gwinnett County or enjoying baking and crafting.

Vice Presidents

There is one role up for nomination and three vacancies.

Vice presidents oversee the committee system of the PTO. They work with committee chairs and volunteers to bring recommendations to the Board to create or dissolve committees as necessary to carry out the PTO's mission and purpose. They may also assist the president and committee chair meetings in the absence of the president or committee chair.

Upon leaving office, they assist the incoming new Board in preparation of the initial budget and planning for the succeeding year.

Vice President



Candidate: Erin King

Erin has two kids, one here at BLES and one in pre-K. This is her first full year as spiritwear chair at BLES and she has now also taken a role as one of the VPs.

She worked in restaurants for over 20 years and currently is a stay at home mom who still loves cooking and gardening.

Vice President



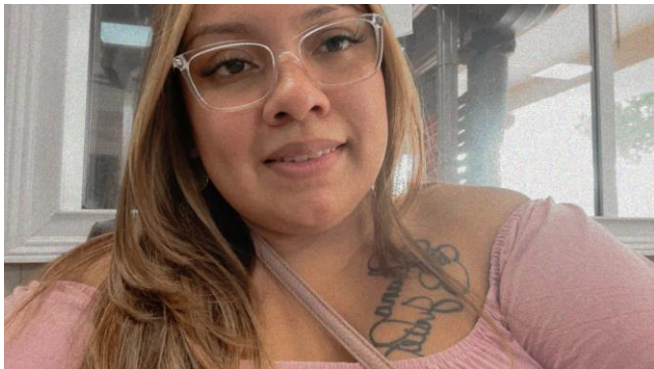
Candidate: Casey Case

Casey is a stay-at-home mom with 3 daughters: 1 former, 1 current, and 1 future Berkeley Bear. She serves as the secretary for her neighborhood's HOA Board and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the community through the PTO Board as well. She, along with Tali Boots, brought Room Parents back to BLES and enjoys seeing all the kids excited at the after school events we host at the school, especially Bear Scare!

When she is able to find some time between kids activities and keeping the house running, Casey enjoys sewing, long walks with the family dog (Sonny), and reading.

Vice President

Candidate: Nancy Lopez



Nancy has a daughter in 1st grade and son in 2nd grade. She is the CEO of tree service company in Forsyth County.

This will be Nancy's first time serving on PTO and she is excited to get started.

She enjoys spending time in nature, cooking, and reading.

Vice President



Candidate: Megan Rohall

Megan has two sweet boys in Berkeley Lake Elementary. Tommy is 7 and finishing out the year in Ms. Jo's class and Danny is rounding out his first year at BLES in Ms. Rosario's kindergarten class.

Megan is a 4's/Pre-K teacher at Christ the King Lutheran Church and has enjoyed her first year volunteering as a room parent for both of her boys' classes. She also jumped right into planning for the return of BLES Bingo Night, caught the PTO bug and here she is! In whatever free time she can squeak out, she enjoys reading, swimming at the pool with her family, listening to music and most especially writing.

Vice President



Candidate: Sohini Whatley

Sohini has a son at BLES and has been active in helping teachers since he started Kindergarten. She loves being the room parent, assisting the PTO with Bear Scare and Bingo Night as well as heading up Teacher Appreciation week.

Professionally, Sohini is a freelance Instructional/Curriculum Designer who designs and develops training materials for adults. If Sohini isn't reading, she's sewing or doing some sort of arts and crafts.

Treasurer

The treasurer serves as custodian of the PTO's finances by collecting revenue, documenting and processing funds and making disbursements as authorized by the President or Executive Board in accordance with the budget adopted by the PTO. Other duties include issuing receipts for cash received and reporting all financial activity every month to the board – and membership at their request at any time. He/She prepares the year-end financial report and has the PTO's accounts examined annually at the end of the school year, maintains accurate records with the Georgia Secretary of State's Office regarding the PTO's incorporation status and pays all dues and fees related to incorporation. Upon leaving office, assists the incoming new Board in preparation of the initial budget and planning for the succeeding year.



Candidate: Sarah Yang

Sarah Yang has a rising 4th grader and 1st grader at BLES and has been a PTO volunteer for the past five years. She has served as the PTO treasurer for the past 3 years.

She speaks Spanish and Korean and currently works as an optometrist couple days a week. She enjoys running, tennis and watching movies with her husband.

Secretary

Our board combines the roles of recording and communications secretary positions. That means the secretary prepares the agenda and records and distributes minutes of all Executive Board meetings and all General PTO meetings. He/She holds historical records for the PTO – including having reference documents such as these bylaws and policies available at each meeting and determines the presence of a quorum for business to be conducted.

Also, the secretary manages communications and marketing for the PTO including, but not limited to, PTO newsletters, email broadcasts, website and bulletin boards. Upon leaving office, he/she assists the incoming new Board in preparation of the initial budget and planning for the succeeding year.

Secretary



Candidate: Kori Dickens

Kori currently has a rising 5th grader at BLES and has been active with many school events. She's a wife, mom and pet parent.

Also, she's an Attorney with the State of Georgia in employee benefits plans and employment law. She has served as PTO Vice President and Secretary for the past four years and enjoyed being involved with several committees and PTO events. She has also served on School Council, the Berkeley Lake Counseling Advisory Council, the BLES Media committee, and was a GEMS committee member for GCPS. Kori enjoys yoga, tennis, crafting, traveling and enjoys spending time with her family.

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We'd love to hear from you about keeping the good work of the PTO going! Please contact us at info@blespto.org if you have any questions.

Learn more about all of our committee volunteer positions at:
<http://www.blespto.org/home/get-involved/>.