

# 2024-2025 Executive Board

**This year's officer candidates is for:**

Co-Presidents: Tali Boots and Pam Bloch

Vice Presidents: Casey Case, Nancy Lopez,  
Maria Gabriela Martinez, and Sohini Whatley

Treasurer: Sarah Yang

Junior Treasurer: Erin King

Secretary: Tiffani Forte

Social Secretary: Megan Rohall

# Co- President



## Candidate: Tali Boots

Tali Boots has 2 kiddos, a 6th grader and a 4th grader at BLES. She is currently serving her 3rd year on the PTO board. She helped bring Room Parents back to BLES and enjoys seeing all the kids excited at the after-school events.

Being a part of BLES has been a wonderful part of parenthood and she hopes more parents (especially dads!) will become involved in volunteering and serving on the PTO board.

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

# Co-President



## Candidate: Pam Bloch

Pam Bloch has a rising 5<sup>th</sup> grader and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and son in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Maria Gabriela Martinez

María Gabriela Martínez is from a small town in Venezuela called Machiques de Perija, and arrived here in 2021 with a suitcase full of dreams, goal projects! She is extremely happy and excited to have joined you in a short time, helping in different projects, activities that for her it is a pleasure and an emotion to be able to participate in each of them. She has always liked to be a mother present in each of her children's activities and loves projecting her skills by helping to decorate with crafts, among other things, which she does with a lot of enthusiasm, since it means an important experience for her family and for her. She feels excited to bring her great knowledge to the BLES community and that together we make it even more fun, wonderful and incredible for our children the experience in this great tour of the school.

# 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.



## Candidate: Sarah Yang

Sarah Yang has a rising 4<sup>th</sup> grader and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



# Junior Treasurer



## Candidate: Erin King

Erin has two kids, one here at BLES and one in pre-K. This is her first full year on the executive board as a Vice President but previously served as the spiritwear chair at BLES.

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

# Secretary

## Candidate: Tiffani Forte



Tiffani is thrilled to join you with a splash of energy and over 17 years of project management and customer relationship expertise under my belt. My journey includes dynamic roles at Intuit and Verizon Wireless, where I honed my skills in turning complex challenges into streamlined successes, always with a zest for innovation and efficiency.

Why do I love BLES? It's simple: the diversity is fantastic, and the enthusiasm among the teachers and staff is contagious! Seeing my child thrive academically and socially here has been a joy, and I'm excited to bring my project savvy to the Parent Teacher Organization. Together, let's make BLES even more amazing for our kids and community!

# Social Secretary



## Candidate: Megan Rohall

Megan has two sweet boys in Berkeley Lake Elementary. Tommy is 8 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.

# 2023-2024 Executive Board Slate

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