



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025 - 7 PM

Location: BCE Library

Attendees: Mr. Toot, Janette Lems, Rachel Miller, Hannah Israel, Ariana Twitty, Krystal Williams, Jessica McGinnis, Chris Reams, Janette Lems

Welcome & Introductions – Rachel Miller, Hannah Israel

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Fifty-ish days of school left.
- There will be a school wide assembly on Friday, March 28.
- Awesome 2nd and 3rd grade concerts last Thursday night, followed by a fun assembly on Friday morning.
- Our next assembly will be on Friday, March 28.
- The Winter Meltdown seemed to be a hit!
- JA Biz Town Field trip for 5th grade was last week. Definitely a highlight of the school year for our fifth graders. Upcoming field trips:
 - 3rd grade to Opera Iowa-funded by VPA
 - 3rd grade to Iowa State Historical Building
 - 4th grade to Living History Farms
 - 2nd grade to Jester Park
 - 5th grade visit to Summit Middle School
- ISASP testing coming up for third, fourth and fifth graders the week of April 8. This assessment is given to third, fourth and fifth grade students. The test is taken on student iPads, with subtests given in reading, language/writing, mathematics and science (fifth grade only). The results provide an idea of how students are doing compared to grade level expectations and also shows how we are doing as school and district compared to other Iowa schools. We will get school wide results later this spring and individual student results will be available via a Parent Portal later in the summer.
- Beaver Creek Field Day is on Friday, May 16. This is a fun day with lots of volunteers needed.
- Senior come home day is also on Friday, May 16.
- Planning is starting for the next school year. We are planning on 24 classroom sections next year, with there being four sections of all grade levels. This is subject to change based upon enrollment numbers.
- Registration is open for the 2025-26 school year.
- School supply kits are now for sale.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

- [BCPTO Meeting Meeting Minutes - Jan 2025](#)
- Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - **Hannah Inman**; second **Janette Lems**. **Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report - Cory Root

- Highlights - Meltdown - cost \$1,138. Brought in \$1,200.

- \$330 Venmo donations for Conf meals
- Checking account - \$28,126
- Savings account - \$20,331

Committee Reports

- Restaurant Nights - Rachel (Eliza)
 - March night is at Pico de Gallo. This is a unique one over 2 days - Wed, March 26th and Saturday, March 29th (10:30a-9/10pm). 25% of sales go to BC PTO. Need to bring in the physical flyer.
 - April night is at Chipotle in Grimes
 - *Looking for person to take over next year*
- Staff Appreciation - Rachel (Allison)
 - February teacher lounge snacks was hosted by 2nd grade families
 - Conference meals will be Chick-fil-a & Jimmy Johns with supplemental food donated by families
 - Staff Appreciation week - looking for ideas
- Family Activities (Rachel/Hannah)
 - January - Movie Night
 - Was a popular event. Some unruliness and families dropping off kids and not staying to supervise. Need to think through ways to ensure more supervision next year, more popcorn, etc.
 - February 28th - Winter Meltdown Recap
 - Very good overall. Amber did a great job organizing and spearheading.
 - Ideas -
 - Different areas/events - Consider different separation ideas and more supervision for the gym. Not having an activity in the Music Room was good. We could potentially use another Pod as well. Balloon / face painting - how to get folks through the line quicker, maybe use silver cord volunteers or other volunteers to do less intricate designs and get through them faster. Magic Show - that was a hit! Keep it up.
 - Date/Time - Not competing with State Bball Finals was good and having in February. High attendance. Maybe consider 6pm-8pm.
 - Food / tickets - Include sign to ensure families understand very clearly it's good will donation. Potentially find a way to separate ticket line and separate food line. Maybe food line by the cafeteria or enter the event initially through the 3rd grade pod door. Maybe have separate the food/water stations? Used 55 pizzas total - ran out twice. Most food lasted until 8pm or so...is that okay?
 - Skate Night - Will do a second one sometime - not planned as of yet.
- Book Fair - Hannah
 - Started and going well - volunteer sign-up slots still available
 - Free book certificates - 8 per teacher discretion
 - Closes on 3/11
- Social Media - no update
- Apparel - no update
- Yearbook - Rachel (Jenny)
 - Send pictures to Jenny Gruenisen
- Original Works - Janette
 - Been shipped - week ahead of schedule. Maybe get them out before Spring Break??
- 5th Grade Celebration - Ariana
 - 4-person Committee. Potentially may do a Foam Party. DSM Inflatables does it along with inflatables. Will use similar rotation style to prior years. Pizza, ice cream truck, etc.
 - Theme - "The Future is Bright". bright neon theme, beach balls, etc.
- Other Committees

Unfinished/Old Business

- Fundraiser/incentive update
 - Incentive update - will do the “sleepover” part weather depending this Spring
 - Installation of Gaga ball pit TBD - need to discuss with District maintenance and consider the district plans for future playground/grounds/surfacing.
- All School Meeting was good with Dr. Roodra - 40 or so attendees
- Committee chairs / executive officers - if you’re interested or not interested, let Rachel Miller know. We’ll discuss in April and vote at the May meeting. Rachel will send out an email with more details and specific needs.

New Business

- Next meeting - April 8, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.