



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025 - 4 PM

Location: BCE Library

Attendees: Rachel Miller, Katie Strodtmann, Hannah Israel, Krystal Williams, Janette Lems, Brooke Whiting, Amber Foxworthy, Lauren Sandman, Chris Reams, Erica Metzger, Mrs. Mikkles, Ms. Sobaski, Ms. Blanchard, Mr. Toot, Mr. Gomez

Welcome – Hannah Israel

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Certified count date was on October 1. Current enrollment is at 558 students. Last year at this time we had 581 students.
- We have had two assemblies so far this year. Two of these have been student led. Beaver Creek student shirts have been distributed to teachers, and we will ask students to wear these shirts on Friday, October 24 for the PTO run/walk.
- Fifth grade band has started in the past few weeks and over 80 students are giving band a try this year.
- Field trips so far: Fourth grade Art Center/Sculpture Park, first grade Blank Park Zoo. Fifth grade is scheduled to go to the Iowa State Capitol on Friday, October 24. Second and third graders are going to the Nutcracker on Friday, December 12.
- We are looking forward to our fall fitness, run and walk day on Friday, October 24. This is the culminating event for the fall fundraiser, and families of students are welcome to participate.
 - Around \$5000 has been raised in the first ten days of fundraising. Here is the schedule for that afternoon:

	Walk/Run	Water/Banana
K/1st	2:15-2:30	2:30-2:45
2nd/3rd	2:30-2:45	2:45-3:00
4th/5th	2:45-3:00	3:00-3:15

- Pajama day, school dance party and hat day will be scheduled.
- Parent teacher conferences are taking place on November 11th and 13th. November 13th will be a three-hour early dismissal day to allow for conferences, and there will not be any school on Friday, November 14th. This fall, we will not be printing progress reports. Instead, an access code will be shared with families to log in and view their child's progress report. Several neighboring districts follow this same practice, as do Johnston secondary schools.
- The book fair will take place in room 161 in the third grade community this fall.
- Fall literacy and math screenings have been completed, and the results will be coming home via Parent Square later this month. These include FAST literacy and math screeners for all grade levels. Teachers have spent time reviewing their classroom and grade level data and planning the next instructional steps.
- Beaver Creek has maintained status as a high achieving school on the Iowa School Performance Profile. Beaver Creek elementary had the same status last year. ISPP

designations are based upon data from the previous school year.

- Beaver Creek's third annual Scavenger Hunt will be on Thursday, October 16, from 5:30-6:15, followed by a family night for families of reading support students at 6:30 PM.
- Treat days have been well received! Thanks to those who organize these days and make donations.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

- Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - **Brooke Whiting**; second **Krystal Williams. Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report - Rachel Miller

- Outstanding deposits: Fundraiser (Venmo & Paypal), Culver's Spirit Night, Broken Arrow Sale
- Checking ~\$19,286
- Savings ~\$20,101
- New Venmo account - @bcptojohnston

Committee Reports

- Playground wrap-up from 2024-2025 fundraiser
 - Gaga pit installed ✓; staggered roll-out to grades through the school year
- Fundraiser/Fun Run - 2025/2026 School Year - Hannah Israel
 - Sept. 19th - Fundraiser kicked-off @ school assembly (packets went home with oldest kiddo in the family)
 - Goal of \$10,000 with funds to go towards teacher grants & classroom needs (desks, curriculum, math manipulatives, other?)
 - Schoolwide incentives for \$1,000 increments through \$10,000
 - Currently just at \$5,000 raised – a lot normally comes in closer to / on run day!
 - Friday, Oct. 24th - Fun Run - sign up for volunteers is out!
 - 2:15pm on in 20 min increments
- PTO/Teacher Grants - Hannah Israel
 - Reviewed teacher request intake form
 - Can request funds throughout the year; no specific timing
 - Mostly looking for items that can benefit multiple kids for multiple years
- Restaurant Nights
 - Oct. 14th El Mariachi | 5pm - 10pm
 - Nov. 6th Panera | 4pm - 8pm
 - Thinking through lots of other great places for the remainder of the year
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman
 - Monthly snack day for teachers - parents donate by grade level
 - Oct - 4th Grade
 - Did gift cards for Custodian appreciation and will soon for Counselor appreciation
 - Planning for conference meals in November
 - Cookie walk is planned in December - Thurs. Dec. 11
- Book Fair - Hannah Israel
 - The Fall Book Fair will be held in November alongside conferences. Dates of Fri. Nov. 7 - Thurs. Nov. 13
 - Opportunities for PTO to volunteer.
- Family Activities - Amber Foxworthy
 - October - Bring Your Own Pumpkin painting, etc. – Sunday, Oct. 5th; 1:30-3pm
 - November - no event
 - December - Slime Kitchen Family Night - Week of Dec. 1

- January 23 - Skateland
- February - Winter Meltdown - Friday, Feb. 27th
 - Free event, 6:30-8:30p
 - Food & drink - Pizza, popcorn, water, soda, cookies, gloves, plates
 - Bingo - & prizes
 - Gymnasium - Balloon Artis (2)t, tattoo station, student-led games
 - music in the gym
 - Magician - Jonathan May!
 - Photo Booth Station
 - Decorations
- March - no event
- April - BC Family Outdoor Clean-up (Date TBD)
- May 1st - Movie Night - *potentially outdoor*
- Social Media
 - No Update; Engage with the posts as you can!
- Apparel - Lauren Sandman
 - Previous sale is done – no numbers yet
 - Next sale will be in November/December to coincide with the holiday shopping

Unfinished/Old Business

- Landscape Clean Up Day - ✓
- Gaga ball court install - ✓

New Business

- Next meeting - November 9, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

2025-2026 PTO Calendar

PTO Meetings:

- August 19, 2025 (7 pm)
- September 9, 2025 (7 pm)
- October 14, 2025 (4 pm)
- November 18, 2025 (7 pm)
- December 9, 2025 (7 pm)
- January 13, 2026 (4 pm)
- February 10, 2026 (TBD - All School)
- March 24, 2026 (7 pm)
- April 14, 2026 (7 pm)
- May 12, 2026 (7 pm)

Events:

Monthly Restaurant Spirit Nights and Family Activities (Pumpkin Painting, Indoor/Outdoor Movies, Roller Skating, Reading Night) will continue

- October 2025 - Fall Fundraiser / Fun Run
- November 2025 - Fall Book Fair
- December 2025 - Staff Cookie Walk
- March 2026 - Spring Book Fair
- February 2026 - Winter Meltdown
- May 2025 - BOGO Book Fair
- May 2025 - 5th Grade Celebration

Staff Appreciation:

Includes signed birthday cards for all staff members

- August 22, 2025 - Start of School Breakfast
- October 2, 2025 - National Custodian Day
- November 11 & 13, 2025 - Conference Night Meals
- March 5 & 10, 2026 - Conference Night Meals
- April 2026 - School Library Month
- April 28, 2026 - Bus Driver Appreciation
- April 22, 2026 - Administrative Professionals Day
- May 1, 2026 - Principal Appreciation Day
- May 4-8, 2026 - Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6, 2026 - Nurse Appreciation Day

Monthly snacks in the Staff Lounge:

Sponsored by grade levels

Each month of the school year the PTO plans a snack day for staff members and we ask families from one grade level to donate snacks and drinks. Watch for your turn through ParentSquare notifications!