



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025 - 7 PM

Location: BCE Library


Attendees: Mr. Toot, Matt DeBoer, Mrs. Mikkles, Cory Root, CC McChesney, Janette Lems, Rachel Miller, Hannah Israel, Krystal Williams, Jen Briles, Brooke Whiting

Welcome & Introductions – Rachel Miller, Hannah Israel

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- This is the busy time of year, with 35 days of school left. It is great to see the progress that students have made and how independent they have become. The rest of the year will fly by. We are planning on the last student day for Friday, May 30.
- We are administering the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing week for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The testing went well, and we look forward to seeing the results in the next few weeks.
- All students will do their final literacy and math screening assessments in early May. There has been strong growth, especially in our literacy screening results this year, and we have done some goal setting around our literacy data.
- Third graders attended an Opera Iowa performance in March. This was provided to all JCSD third graders by the Vocal Parents Association.
- Here is a list of the upcoming events on our school calendar for the rest of the school year:
 - Tuesday, April 22 Kindergarten/first grade concerts
 - Wednesday, April 23 Second grade field trip to Jester Park
 - Thursday, April 24: No school/Professional learning day for teachers
 - Friday, April 25: No school/break day
 - April 29 and 30 Third grade field trips to State Historical building
 - Week of April 29-May 10 Spring literacy and math screening window
 - Thursday, May 8: Fifth grade band concert
 - Friday, May 16 Beaver Creek Field Day (AM 3-5, PM K-2)
 - Friday, May 16 Senior send off
 - Friday, May 30 Last day of school/Fifth grade celebration and send off
- We are continuing with our staffing changes for next year. There is a third and fourth grade vacancy to fill for next year, and we are working to get that completed in the next few weeks. Cindy Huynh has been hired to replace Stacey Barta who is resigning as a second grade teacher. Lindsey Brunstein is moving from fourth grade to Kindergarten. Libby Nebel has resigned to teach at the school where her children will be attending school.
- Meet the teacher next year will be on Thursday, August 21, from 4:00-6:00. This is also for Kindergarten students. The first day of school for all students will be Monday, August 25.
- Jumpstart next year will be the first two days of Kindergarten, Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 27. Kindergarten students will not come to school on Wednesday, August 28, to allow teachers to prepare for the first day with their class.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

-  BCPTO Meeting Meeting Minutes - March 2025
- Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - **Brooke Whiting**; second **Krystal Williams**. **Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report - Cory Root

- Checking account - ~\$31,000
- Savings account - ~\$20,000
- Broke even with Winter Meltdown as expected
- Need to contribute to Leader in Me t-shirts via a check to Beaver Creek
- Received around \$2,500 for Spring Book Fair
- Funds coming in for 5th grade celebration
- \$2,500 in Staff Appreciation Budget

Committee Reports

- Restaurant Nights - Rachel (Eliza)
 - April 29th night is at Chipotle in Grimes - 4-8pm
 - ~\$230 for the Pico de Gallo nights in March
 - **Looking for person to take over planning next year**
- Staff Appreciation - Allison
 - 1st Grade families will do snacks for April
 - Kindergarten will do snacks for May
 - Staff Appreciation week - looking for ideas
 - May 5th - 9th: Try to do an activity per day. Things like ice cream truck, gift cards per staff member, lunch, etc.
 - **Looking for persons to help with this Committee next year**
- Family Activities (Rachel/Hannah)
 - Skate Night - Tuesday, May 27th with Lawson & Timber Ridge. Admission fee but need to rent skates.
 - *Looking for help with this Committee next year*
- Book Fair - Hannah
 - Spring book fair went well
 - Next one is May to coincide with Field Day - BOGO Fair. Maybe at this Fair we can solicit donations from parents - maybe they donate their free book to the vending machine.
- Social Media - no update
 - *Looking for help with this position next year*
- Apparel - no update
 - December - raised \$170.10
 - Will have Spring sale
 - Will have water bottle sale again
- Yearbook - Rachel (Jenny)
 - Yearbook submitted! Really tried to ensure each kiddo was in the yearbook 2 times.
 - Would like to include a flyer in the summer mailer
 - CC has a link to how to find out if you ordered a yearbook - we can send out last year
- Original Works - Janette
 - Everything is done – about \$1,200 to donate to the Art teachers
- 5th Grade Celebration - CC McChesney
 - 106 students. Still working on planning.
- Other Committees

Unfinished/Old Business

- Mrs. Mikkles / BC Librarian - Reported on book vending machines. Johnston elementary libraries

received a grant for the machines and then got funds to purchase the first round of books. Mr. Toot shared that they are thinking the tokens would be distributed on birthdays/half-birthdays and potentially other times as well. There are some Scholastic books available. Mrs. Mikkles did say that they will always be looking for ways to get more books as they are fairly expensive at about \$5/day. Ideas like potentially gently used, or incorporating into the Book Fair to get family donations, etc.

- Fundraiser/incentive update
- Committee chairs / executive officers
 - Social Media, updating Website, Family Activities, Restaurant Nights, Winter Meltdown
 - Exec Officers - if you're interested in a board position, reach out
- Clean-up Day outside - TBD
- Connection Club - May 2nd

New Business

- Next meeting - May 13, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.