



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 - 7 PM
Location: BCE Library

Attendees: Rachel Miller, Katie Strodtmann, Hannah Israel, Krystal Williams, Janette Lems, Chris, CC McChesney, Brooke Whiting, Chris Ream, Amber Foxworthy


Welcome – Hannah Israel

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Eleven days of school thus far, and off to a strong start!
- Beaver Creek's enrollment is at 566 students as of today, which is roughly 20 students less than last year. Kindergarten 78, First 92, Second 91, Third 94, Fourth 100, Fifth 108
- We have seven new teachers this year. Welcome to: Kenzie Weitzl, Cindy Huynh, Amber Johnson, Jordan Pray, Ellie Burke, Maddy Veenstra and Jenna Kolb.
- There are also six new associates at BC this year. Welcome to Sarah Davis, Jacob Draeger, Hannah Freed, Ashely Alphonse, Sarah Marquardt and Smitha Nagabhushan.
- Here are some shared teachers that will be working with some students this year:
 - ELP-Kaitlyn Lovell, Kristen Hartman, Amy Williams and Mitzi Hetherson
 - EL-Maria Bartemes, Claire Peterson, Merima Pasalic
 - PE-Bret Posegate
 - Music-Ali Guilloz
 - Art-Jackie Johnson Smith
- Student picture day is Thursday, September 18
- Homecoming week is next week, starting on September 15. Beaver Creek will be participating in the same dress up days as Johnston High School:
 - Monday- Comfy Day
 - Tuesday- Monochrome Day
 - Wednesday- Sports/Jersey Day
 - Thursday- Dress your best-picture day
 - Friday- Color War/Spirit Day
- We are planning on another assembly on Friday, September 19, with a JHS Homecoming theme. Students will help lead this assembly. The assembly will start around 1:45, when the people from JHS plan to arrive.
- Literacy screenings (FAST assessments) started yesterday. All students will be screened three times each year, and the results of these screenings will be shared with families. We will also be completing math screening assessments in kindergarten through fifth grades.
- Fourth and fifth graders have been invited to apply for student leadership roles, and we hope to make selections and get more students assisting with jobs around the school in the coming weeks. Third graders will be invited to apply for leadership roles after winter break. Student leaders could be asked to help with PTO events throughout the year.
- Big thank you to the PTO for the breakfast and treats provided during our pre-service days. These were greatly appreciated as we prepared for the start of the school year.

- We had our staff introduction assembly the Friday before Labor Day.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee representatives needed- Beaver Creek has been asked to identify two parents to serve on the SIAC committees. One committee focuses on Academics/Postsecondary pathways for students. The other committee focuses on SEBMH needs and supports for students. These meetings take no more than four times per year and meet from 6:30-8:00 pm at the district office.
- The district will be engaging in an attendance boundary study this year with the possibility of making some adjustments to the elementary boundaries for the 2026-27 school year.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

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

Treasurer's Report - Rachel Miller

- Discussed recent expenses and funds coming in.
- Checking ~\$21,600
- Savings ~\$21,000
- New Venmo account - @bcptojohnston

Committee Reports

- Playground wrap up from 2024-2025 fundraiser - (*Rachel reporting*)
 - Gaga ball pit ordered!
 - Will be installed on black top with padding/flooring
- Fundraiser/Fun Run - 2025/2026 School Year - Hannah Israel
 - Sept. 19th - Fundraiser kick-off @ school assembly (packets to go 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
 - Friday, Oct. 24th - Fun Run - will need volunteers!
 - 2:15pm on in 20 min increments
- PTO/Teacher Grants
 - Will use a basic intake form for teachers to fill out
 - Can request funds throughout the year; no specific timing
 - Mostly looking for items that can benefit multiple kids for multiple years
 - Hope to discuss with any interested teachers at the October 4pm meeting
- Restaurant Nights - CC McChesney
 - Sept. 16th Culvers | will use student leadership
 - Oct. 14th El Mariachi | 5pm - 10pm
 - Nov. 6th Panera
 - Thinking through lots of other great places for the remainder of the year
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman / Alison Mohr (*Hannah with report*)
 - Monthly snack day for teachers - parents donate by grade level
 - Sept - 5th Grade
 - Oct - 4th Grade
 - National Custodian Day - Oct. 2nd (we generally do card/gift card for these unique days)
 - Planning for conference meals in November
- Book Fair - Hannah Israel
 - The Fall Book Fair will be held in November alongside conferences. Opportunities for PTO to

volunteer.

- Family Activities - Amber Foxworthy
 - Current thoughts....
 - October - Bring Your Own Pumpkin painting, etc. – Sunday, Oct. 5th; 1:30-3pm
 - November/early December - Slime Kitchen Family Night
 - January - Movie Night??
 - February - Winter Meltdown - Friday, Feb. 27th
 - Skate Night sometime....date TBD
- Social Media - Jen Briles
 - No Update; Engage with the posts as you can!
- Apparel - Lauren Sandman
 - September is winding down; the next one will be in November/December to coincide with the holiday shopping
- Original Works - Janette Lems
 - Plan is to move up items this year to before Spring Break
- 5th Grade Celebration - Went really well! The Committee has notes on what went well/ideas for next year. Reach out if you want to help plan the event. The Committee will start mid-year this year.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Landscape Clean-up Day this Fall - Sunday, Sept. 28th; 12pm-3pm
 - Focusing on out back by the gazebo
 - Need Parents/families to come out and help! Look for FB post and sign-up
- Kid/Parent Connection Directory - parents can choose to input their kid's info on a directory to share with other BC parents

New Business

- Next meeting - October 14, 2025 @ 4:00pm
 - We'll try to head out for dinner/drinks afterward for whoever is interested!
- Also check out Johnston Comm. School Board Candidate Forum from 6:30p-8:30p at JHS for interested parents or community members

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

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!