



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - 7 PM

Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Attendees: Jenni Gruenisen, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Rachel Miller, Hannah Israel, Arianna Twitty, Brooke Whiting, Kalli Hoben, Cory Root, Janette Lems, Amber Albizures, Katie Talley, Alison Mohr, Lauren Sandman, Jessica Stanley, Kristin, Patricia, Erica Metzger

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

No Principal's report - Mr. Toot absence

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

- [May 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Brooke Whiting; second Eliza Dy-Boarman. Motion passes.**
- [Review new proposed By-Laws](#). Main updates - 1) no longer requiring PTO members to pay PTO dues, 2) members can serve more than two years in an executive position if there isn't anyone else who wants the position. Most other updates to streamline.
 - Will vote to approve at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Not a lot of new items over the summer, just student folders and laminating. The folders will be simple folders this year as pricing for the Dragon folders went up dramatically.
- Will continue to fund 'Back to school' grants to give \$\$ to every new teacher to the building as well as teachers switching grades. Spend - \$450.
- Grade level Leader In Me t-shirt difference will be covered by PTO.
- Will continue use of Venmo QR code at all events to make donations and PTO payments for things easier. There is a small fee for using Venmo but worth it in increased donations.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Fun Run - Rachel Miller / Jenni Gruenisen
 - Fundraising kickoff 10/6 or 9/30 (whichever aligns with the school assembly)
 - Fun Run will wrap-up the Fundraiser on 10/20
 - Similar format to last year - just no birthday party. The gist is "Donate what you can & then we have a fun-run".
 - One fundraiser packet sent home per family; along with QR codes to the Venmo account.
 - Each grade will be at a set time and will run as many laps as they can during the time.
 - There will be bananas, water, and kids will wear their BC shirts.
 - Fundraising goal for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 will be to enhance the playground. Mr. Toot is working with some partners to get options and potential costs. Hopefully we'll be able to do some/half next summer and then the rest the summer after.
 - Ideas include: adjustable basketball hoops, Gaga ball pit, more accessible area (maybe to cover up the wet/soggy area), paint/refresh current items, a few new items, etc.
 - Will not be a whole new playground - just a 'refresh'
 - Same fundraiser framework as last year - steps with certain \$ amounts to earn the kids rewards.
 - Let Jenni or Rachel know if you can help with any portion / beforehand / or day of. Will also send out sign-up sheets for volunteers.

- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy - Boarman
 - Usually one per month, the amount brought in varies. Will likely repeat some easy/high earners from last year and try out some new ones.
 - September 14th is the first one! Tropical Smoothie.
 - Working on others - Pagliai's, Culvers, maybe not Orange Leaf, Chick Fil A. Some other ideas were floated by others.
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman / Alison Mohr
 - Starting the year with a First Day Breakfast for the staff on the Tuesday morning before school starts.
 - They are also covering appreciation through the winter, conference meals, and teacher appreciation week. Setting up monthly snacks in breakrooms - going to do by grade this year. Organizing birthday cards for all staff members (some discussion of potentially including small gift cards?). Sponsoring gift cards for BC Best - teacher nominations (starting in September).
 - Will set up sign-ups for events - will cover unfilled items with PTO funds.
- Family Activities - Rachel Miller / Jenni Gruesen
 - Nailing down plans for September/October.
 - Maybe Town Center movie night or pumpkin painting...maybe with a contest or prizes.
 - PJ Movie Night? Used to have a Fall Fest - movie night, bingo, etc.
 - Could still have "BC Howell's Day" but not PTO sponsored tickets, etc. as that was too hard last year.
 - Kristin volunteered to help plan Activities. Let Rachel/Jenni know if you can also help plan.
 - Winter Meltdown is a big family activity - chair is Kalli Hoben.
- Social Media - Amber
 - Follow and like the BCPTO FB page - the more engagement we can do, the better.
 - BAND is a communication app that the PTO uses to chat about events in between meetings and to share information. Email Amber (foxworthy@gmail.com) your email address if you want added to BAND.
 - If a Committee Lead or Member wants something sent out via FB group, best to have a blurb created with details and then post it to the BAND app. Also can upload PDFs. Then Amber will schedule to post.
 - Kalli will likely help out Amber as well as secondary poster, etc. Rachel generally updates website with PTO meeting minutes, meeting calendar, big events, etc.

Unfinished/Old Business

- The Courtyard Project was finished this summer and looks great. Thank you to Matthew Mikles and all who donated to last year's fundraiser.
- Need to determine if we can organize an outside space refresh day/afternoon to clean up landscaping/flowers and do maintenance. Hopefully we can land on a plan at September's meeting.

New Business

- Meet the Teacher - PTO table
 - Going to be at the main entrance. Summer reading BINGO - if kids turn in, have prizes donated by Chick-Fil-A, Culvers.
- Classroom parent helper list was brought up. Discussed that generally every teacher has different preferences and will ask for help as needed. Parents want to be able to help the teachers in the classrooms if desired. Hopefully teachers will ask for help or funnel requests through the office.
- Discussion regarding if there are classroom request lists.
 - Ms. Joan will continue Dragon Drive this year in the weekly newsletter - she may also do some sort of sign-up as some parents are more apt to donate if they specially sign up for something - versus the general ask whereas some assume others are contributing so they don't.
- Next meeting - September 12, 2023 (7 pm)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

2023-2024 PTO Calendar

PTO Meetings:

August 15, 2023 ~~(7 pm)~~
September 12, 2023 (7 pm)
October 10, 2023 (4 pm)
November 14, 2023 (7 pm)
December 12, 2023 (7 pm)
January 9, 2024 (4 pm)
February 13, 2024 (6:30 pm - All School)
March 19, 2024 (7 pm)
April 9, 2023 (7 pm)
May 14, 2023 (7 pm)

Events:

Monthly Family Activities and Restaurant Spirit Nights will continue.*

Friday, October 20, 2023 - Fall Fundraiser / Fun Run

December 12, 2023 - Staff Cookie Walk

March 1, 2024 - Winter Meltdown

May 31, 2024 - 5th Grade Celebration

**Ideas include: Pumpkin Patch, Indoor Movie, Roller Skating, Color Powder Run, Reading Night*

Staff Appreciation:

Includes monthly snacks in the Staff Lounge & birthday cards for all staff members.

August 22, 2023 - First Day Breakfast (meal)

October 2, 2023 - National Custodian Day (gift cards)

November 7 & 9, 2023 - Conference Nights (meals)

February 29 & March 5, 2024 - Conference Nights (meals)

April 2024 - School Library Month (?)

April 23, 2024 - Bus Driver Appreciation (gift cards)

April 24, 2024 - Administrative Professionals Day (gift basket)

May 1 - Principal Appreciation Day (gift baskets)

May 6-10, 2024 - Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week (BINGO Game, meals, etc)

May 6, 2024 - Nurse Appreciation Day (gift card)

May 31, 2024 - Last Day Snacks (meal)