



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 7 PM
Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Attendees: Mr Toot, Hannah Israel, Jennifer Rasmussen, Lauren Sandman, Cory Root, Amber Albizures, Katie, Rachel Miller, Jessica Shanley, Janette Lems, Jenni Gruenisen

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen & Rachel Miller

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Great fourth and fifth grade concerts were held on November 20, followed by a fun school wide assembly on November 21.
- Our third graders attended the Nutcracker at the Civic Center on December 7.
- Numerous fourth and fifth grade students assisted with tours of the building two weeks ago. One tour group was members of the Johnston Community School District's board of education. The next day, the tour group was 40+ educators from Northeast Iowa learning more about the Leader in Me program.
- Beaver Creek Scavenger hunt was a big success! Over 300 people attended this event, and we hope to make it an annual event.
- There have been considerable student and staff member illnesses since Thanksgiving. Fortunately, it seems that our numbers are starting to drop. Our percentage of sick students has been trending downward this week.
- Classroom winter parties taking place on Thursday, December 21 at the end of the day. Details for each grade level will be shared by teachers. These parties will follow our sing along assembly that afternoon.
- Winter break starts at the end the school day on Thursday, December 21, and school resumes on Wednesday, January 3.
- The first fifth grade band concert of the year will be on Thursday, January 18.
- Winter screenings will be taking place in January. This includes literacy and math screening assessments.
- The contract for the playground equipment was approved by the Johnston school board. Our building and grounds department is looking at options for the installation, possibly opting to use a different contractor the Boland Recreation utilizes. There will still be a cost to the installation. Payment for the equipment is due upon delivery. I'm assuming the contractor will be paid when installation is complete. Option 2 was the winner with the most student votes.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

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- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Jenni Greunisen; second Amber Albizures. Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- We received a check from Charlotte's Kitchen and made \$175 from Panera.
- Fundraiser is still waiting for a few employer matches to be received
- Book fair was mentioned last meeting, our earnings were in line with previous fairs.
- Staff appreciation donations \$525 have covered costs so far, so we still have a full budget.
- We have a larger account balance currently, so we are making a little more in interest. We have talked about putting money in a CD, but currently need to be able to access funds for the playground project. We will revisit the CD idea in the future.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising
 - We will be able to order new equipment! Info shared by Mr Toot and Cory Root.
- Restaurant Nights - (Eliza Dy-Boarman sent notes in advance)
 - January 8 - Raising Cane's 4-9 pm; we receive 15% proceeds
 - February 7 - Pagliai's 4-9 pm; we receive 15% of proceeds
 - March 21 - Freddy's 5-9
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman
 - Cookie walk tomorrow, volunteers covered, pictures will be shared/posted
 - Monthly lounge snacks have been great, we may change things for next calendar year (bagels?)
- Family Activities
 - January 26 - indoor movie night. Rachel will reserve the gym and send movie options to Mr Gomez to have kids vote. Last year we chose movies that were G or PG with a runtime of 90 minutes. Current ideas include Mario, Trolls & Shrek
 - February 9 - Skateland from 5-8 pm. Free admission, only pay for skate rental
 - March 1 - Winter Meltdown. Amber & Rachel will be leading together; they will be meeting this month, then hosting a committee meeting in January. It's likely that we will expand and use more space this year, we can open a few pods.
 - May 5 - Color Run
 - End of May - potential breakfast headed by Ariana
- Social Media - Amber
 - Lots of engagement, JCSD likes every post except for meetings
 - Let's get an instagram! Amber will set it up so we can post/share both places.
 - There is a post on BAND with a calendar of events that Amber will share monthly with PTO and BC Staff. It includes PTO events as well as school/district calendar items. Will add lounge snack dates (probably "week of" instead of specific dates)
- 5th grade celebration
 - Jenni & Rachel will get started on this. By February we need to get on the School Board agenda in order to have vendor contracts approved.
 - Will be on 5/31, plans similar to last year. School wide clap out at 3:00 pm
- Apparel
 - Order by 12/16 to receive orders by Christmas, district should post a video from Broken Arrow that the PTOs can share.

Unfinished/Old Business

- PTO t-shirts - final design pic shown by Katie (included), shirts will be Bella Canvas so they're soft and comfortable. Katie will get final pricing, likely \$20/shirt. We will open orders to all parents/families with a deadline to receive prior to Winter Meltdown.

New Business

- Next meeting - January 9, 2023 (4 pm) - we will plan to keep 4 pm meetings next year
- It would be fun to have a PTO meeting/social, maybe on a restaurant night

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

