



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 7 PM

Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Attendees: Cory Root, Rachel Miller, Ariana Twitty, Jenni Gruenisen, Janette Lems, Hannah Israel, Nicole Jacobus, Ali Mohr, Eric Toot

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen & Rachel Miller

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- The Beaver Creek Fall Fitness event was a big success! Thanks to the PTO for organizing the event and helping arrange for volunteers and snacks for all of the participants.
- Today was day 55 of the school year and conferences are behind us. Huge thanks for the conference dinners!
- Our first concerts of the year will be held on Monday, November 20, with the fourth and fifth grade concerts. There will be a school wide assembly the morning of Tuesday, November 21, and our fourth and fifth graders will be performing a few of their concert songs at that assembly.
- Safety Drills: A lock down drill was practiced earlier this month. This is one of many safety drills we practice each year.
- Fundraiser incentives:
 - \$8,000-School wide hat day: Tuesday, November 21
 - \$10,000-Movie/game time in class: Tuesday, November 21.
 - \$12,500-Music in cafeteria at lunch-TBD
 - \$15,000-Dunk tank at field day-Thursday, May 23
- Beaver Creek Scavenger Hunt: November 28, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. All students and families are welcome to come visit the school and explore.
- National Education Week: November 13-17 is National Education Week, which is a time to reflect on the importance of public education to our society and to acknowledge those who work in public education. When researching this, I read that the first National Education Week was a campaign by the National Education Association and the American Legion to promote education as 25% of the US soldiers drafted to serve in World War I were illiterate. One purpose of the week is to acknowledge all who play a part in public education. Here are a few of the important groups included in this week.
 - November 15 Education Support Personnel Day: There are approximately 45 people serving Beaver Creek students in a support personnel role (associates, custodians, and nutrition). We could not do what we do without people willing to serve in these roles. A huge thanks to all who choose to do this important work!
 - November 17 Substitute Educator Day: It is rare to have a day at Beaver Creek where we do not have a substitute employee supporting students. Without substitute educators, we could not meet the needs of all learners, or even have school on some days. Big thanks to those who are willing to step in and serve students when our educators need to be away from school.
- Iowa School Performance Profile: Beaver Creek is designated as a “commendable” school on the Iowa School Performance Profile due to our composite score. This score is compiled using many different data points from the 2022-23 school year. ISASP data for third through fifth graders is used and FAST screening data is not. Based on Iowa’s school accountability measures and support under ESSA, our school has received a designation of Targeted Support and Improvement after the 2021-22. This is because our school has more than one student subgroup that performed as low as the lowest 5 percent of schools. We met these criteria after the 2022-23 school year, but the targeted status remains for three years.
- Winter parties and winter break: Tentative plans are for classroom winter parties to be held starting at

2:40 on Thursday, December 21. Our winter assembly will take place prior to the classroom parties. I will be asking teachers/grade levels what type of support they will need from families-volunteers to assist with the planning and party, donations from families.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

- [BCPTO Meeting Meeting Minutes - Oct 2023.pdf](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Jenni Greunisen; second Rachel Miller. Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Great success with the fall fundraisers. 2 years ago, we raised \$3,500; last year we raised \$10,700; this year, \$16,700 so far. Still waiting for some employer matches.
 - Likely can use some carryover Leader In Me funds from previous years to contribute to the fundraising goal to get the playground equipment.
- \$2,800 book fair - a little above goal
- Set up a UW donor contribution so parents can donate directly through employer UW campaigns.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising
 - Should be able to lock in enough funds from the fundraiser, PTO carryover funds, BC carryover funds, etc. to get to the \$35k threshold to lock in it and hopefully have the new equipment installed by Fall 2024
 - Still need to lock down ideas and logistics with vendor and get kiddo input
- Restaurant Nights - (Eliza Dy-Boorman sent notes in advance)
 - Panera - December 6th
 - Pagliai's moved to February
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman / Alison Mohr
 - Conference meals were a hit - thank you!
 - 3rd grade hosting teacher snacks in November; after Thanksgiving break
 - Cookie walk - December 13th
- Family Activities - Jenni Gruesen / Ariana
 - Friday, Jan. 26th - Movie Night @ the school
 - Tentative night for Skate night - Friday, Feb. 9th
 - PTO covering cost of admission; kids responsible for rental
 - Get Air fun night / fundraiser - over winter break?
 - Winter Meltdown - Amber will be lead and Ariana can assist
 - Color Run - May 5th? (want it to be not too close to Field Day on May 23rd)
 - Breakfast with a Grown-up | May 28th?
 - Name ideas = Grab Grub with your Grown-up, Breakfast with your Big Person, Other??
- Book Fair - Rachel & Hannah
 - Sales were strong - cash profit of \$2,700
 - Able to buy books for several teachers, including extra for new teachers
 - Have extra books leftover for kid giveaway books
- Apparel
 - Sale going on now
- Original Works - Janette
 - Nothing much to report yet...pretty much the same as last year.
 - Kids have started art and Janette is working through timeline

Unfinished/Old Business

- Free to Take Table at conferences was great! - will continue at future conferences
- Student leadership will do a toiletry/canned food drive after Thanksgiving
- PTO t-shirts - no update
- Outside space refresh / maintenance day - will work on this in the Spring

New Business

- Next meeting - December 14, 2023 (7 pm)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.