



## Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 4 PM

**Location:** In-person (BCE Library)

**Attendees:** Jessica Shanley, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Ariana Twitty, Jenni Gruenisen, Maggie Miller, Kristin Newark, Janette Lems, Lauren Sandman, Katie Strodtman, Amber Albizures, Hannah Israel, Eric Toot

**Welcome & Introductions** – Jenni Gruenisen

**Special Guest - Maggie Miller, 1st grade teacher and “Lighthouse” coordinator (Leader in Me)**

- “Big rocks” to work on this year - family engagement
- Scheduled 11/28 student/parent scavenger hunt in the school from 5:30-6:30
- Our goal is to work in alignment with each other to create a strong Beaver Creek community where all student and parents feel like they belong
- Ideas for the future - share specific events with teacher engagement (restaurant nights/family engagement nights)

**Principal’s Report** – Mr. Toot

- Certified count date was on October 2. At that time, we had 564 students enrolled at BC, compared to 578 enrolled a year ago on certified count date.
- We have had three assemblies so far this year, and two of these have been student led. All students wore their Lead.Learn.Welcome shirts on Friday, and we will ask the students to wear these on field trip days and for other special event days.
- Fall literacy and math screenings have been completed, and the results will be coming home in student backpacks later this month. These include FAST literacy screeners for all grade levels. aMath for first through third graders. MAP math for fourth and fifth graders. Teachers have time reviewing their classroom and grade level data and planning the next instructional steps.
- Fifth grade band has started in the past few weeks and over 70 students are giving band a try this year.
- We are looking forward to our fall fitness, run and walk day on Friday, October 27. This is the culminating event for the fall fundraiser, and families of students are welcome to participate.
- The potential playground enhancements will be discussed at a Johnston Board of Education physical environment committee meeting next week. This is standard practice with facility improvements and upgrades.
- Parent teacher conferences are taking place on November 7th and 9th. Thursday, November 9 will be a three-hour early dismissal day to allow for conferences, and there will not be any school on Friday, November 10.
- Beaver Creek has a family engagement action team meeting this year, discussing ways to better engage all families of BC students. This group is planning a Beaver Creek scavenger hunt on Tuesday, November 28, from 5:30-6:30. Planning is beginning, and this action team might be reaching out to the PTO for some support for this event.
- Leader in Me lessons continue in all classrooms and students are learning more about the 7 Habits. We will be having an outdoor assembly on Friday afternoon to celebrate the first eight weeks of lessons, and will also distribute the Lead, Learn, Welcome T-shirts to students.
- We need substitute teachers and associates at Beaver Creek and at all schools.
  - Teacher rate of pay:
    - \$155.00 per day for the first 10 consecutive days
    - \*\* \$185.00 per day on the 11th consecutive day

- \*\* \$235.00 on the 21st consecutive day\*\*
  - \*\*Consecutive days in the same assignment
- Associate rates of pay:
  - Special Education and teacher associate: \$15.50 per hour
  - Severe and profound special education associate: \$16.00 per hour

**Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger**

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- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Eliza Dy-Boarman; second Jenni Gruenisen. Motion passes.**

**Treasurer's Report – Cory Root**

- N/A

**Committee Reports**

- Fundraising - Fun Run - Jenni Gruenisen
  - Fun run scheduled for 10/27
  - Still tracking in early donations, haven't reached the \$1k level yet
- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy - Boarman
  - 10/17 Charlotte's Kitchen - mention BC for 10%
  - \$400 from Tropical Smoothie in September
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman / Alison Mohr
  - 4th grade scheduled to donate staff snacks this month
  - Conference dinners coming up
- Family Activities - Jenni Gruesen / Ariana
  - Paint a Pumpkin on 10/22 from 2-4 pm (extra paint and pumpkins)
    - Doughnuts and cider will be served (in the back lawn)
    - Prizes: Put name in drawing for free book fair money
  - Breakfast with "grown up" - potential spring activity
- Book Fair - Hannah
  - 11/2-11/9
  - Volunteer sign up next week
- Social Media - Amber
  - Newsletter - 1st week of month that labels the events of the month
  - Teacher spotlights to come
  - To join our 'BC PTO' group on BAND (a communication app): <https://band.us/n/a4af9611S5ddF>
- Apparel - Lauren Sandman, update with guest Chelsey Tanke
  - Used to do separate apparel sales at each individual Johnston school. Ton of work, less profits, repeating work.
  - Broken arrow allows us to all use same amongst all schools district wide
  - Over \$10k in sales this past fall sale (\$6-10k standard). Broken Arrow gives us 30% (which usually amounts to their profit). They also do free shipping for us vs. us shipping/having a standalone store (what JHS does as a booster group with little to no profit).
  - Owned by a Johnston grad who wants to support our district, this is why we have such great terms which would unlikely be matched anywhere else.
  - We have given feedback from the past sale on quality, size and material info. They are adding in sizes and material in the description for the next sale and are re-evaluating some of the vendors they use.

- Call Broken Arrow with feedback going forward - nationwide 1-800 number
- We could go off on own as a Beaver Creek, would be lot of work and most likely less profit
- Ideas for future - bring samples to meet the teacher (need a full time volunteer)

#### **Unfinished/Old Business**

- PTO t-shirts - we voted on a design. Next step to finalize pricing, sizes and ordering.
- Outside space refresh / maintenance day - Erica Metzger still working on; plan to schedule a connect with Mr. Toot to continue discussing

#### **New Business**

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

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.