



## Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 7 PM  
**Location:** In-person (BCE Library)

**Attendees:** Jessica Stanley, Kelly Sheldon, Katie Strodman, Nicole Jacobus, Justin Boles, Ali Mohr, Lauren Sandman, Jenni Gruenisen, Cory Root, Rachel Miller, Ariana Twitty, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Janette Lems, Hannah Israel, Amber Albizures

### Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen

### Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Fourteen days of school thus far, and off to a strong start!
- Beaver Creek's enrollment is at 564 students as of today, which is roughly 10 students less than last year. We have over 50 students new to Beaver Creek this year, not counting our Kindergarten students.
- We have around 75 total staff members, including five new teachers this year. Welcome to:
  - Ashely Wolff- Kindergarten
  - Amy Sobaski- First grade
  - Maggie Clark- Third grade
  - Missie Linder- Reading support
  - Madison Krone-Reading support, shared with Wallace Elementary
- We have one new building associate, assisting with Kindergartners and recess/playground supervision. Becky Darland
- Student picture day is Thursday, September 21.
- Homecoming week is next week, starting on September 18
  - **Sept. 18- Day 6** - Team/Sport/Activity Day
  - **Sept. 19- Day 1** - Choose Your Color Day (wear all of the same color)
  - **Sept. 20- Day 2** - Wacky Wednesday (mismatch, crazy hair, etc.)
  - **Sept. 21- Day 3** – Dress for success day (picture day)
  - **Sept. 22- 4 Day** - Dragon Spirit Day
- 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 some math screening assessments in first through third grades, and fourth and fifth graders will be taking the MAP math assessment. Results of these assessments will be shared later this fall.
- 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.
- Students helped lead our first assembly of the year the Friday before Labor Day. We are planning on another assembly on Friday, September 23.
- Our Leader in Me work continues this year. Students engaged in the First 8 days to kick off the year, reviewing our expectations and the 7 Habits. Action teams will begin meeting soon. A new staff action team is a Family Engagement Team, who would like to partner with the Beaver Creek PTO on family activities to help students and families feel like a part of the Beaver Creek Community.
- Potential Beaver Creek playground project: I have had a preliminary conversation with a vendor, and am also discussing some ideas with the building and grounds department. Assuming they give their approval, we have some options in the \$30,000-\$35,000 range that would replace some dated and

underutilized equipment. This cost includes the installation and set up of the equipment.

### Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

- [August 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Rachel Miller; second Hannah Israel. Motion passes.**
- [Beaver Creek PTO By-Laws](#)
- **Motion to approve by-laws as presented - Jenni Gruenisen; second Cory Root. Motion passes.**

### Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Not a lot of deposits yet. A few things came in including money from school supply kids, t-shirts, yearbook sales. For the t-shirt sales, all students get a t-shirt and we help bridge the gap between total cost and funds received.
- Expenses were minimal and for accounting software and Dragon folders (Dragon folders were half of what we budgeted due to the cheaper option selected this year). May need to spend more on lamination so could use some of the remaining dragon folder funds for that if needed.

### Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Fun Run - Rachel Miller / Jenni Gruenisen
  - Plan to kick off at assembly on 10/6. Packets will be sent home to each family that day, including paper forms for contributions and a QR code to our Venmo account for digital donations.
  - The fundraiser will culminate with a Fun Run on 10/20, although we'll continue accepting donations. Parents will be needed to volunteer and additional parents/families can just come to watch/participate. We'll have bananas, water, balloons, music, etc. Each grade level will have a certain time throughout the day and will run the course for a set amount of time.
  - The main 'goal' of this year's fundraiser will be to raise funds to go towards a playground refresh. We'll identify donation thresholds with incentives (i.e. "raise \$1000, get a PJ day").
  - May need to do a 'work-night' to do packets. Volunteer sign-ups will be distributed for day-of volunteers.
- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy - Boarman
  - September: Tropical Smoothie - 2-7pm. 20% of all sales come to us (mention Beaver Creek). This includes online orders. They do have food!
  - Working on Culvers, Panera, etc. for other months.
  - Trying to do one per month - maybe not in December.
- Staff Appreciation - Lauren Sandman / Alison Mohr
  - Back to school breakfast was a big hit. Also did a September round of snacks in the teacher's lounge. Will do a monthly cadence or so teacher's lounge snacks by grade level – 5th grade parents donated the Sept. snacks.
  - PTO signed a bunch of birthday cards to distribute throughout the year.
  - Planning to spotlight teachers on social media, etc. Will likely coordinate with the grade doing the monthly snacks – so 5th grade first. Jenni volunteered to take staff photos. Joan sent the teacher bios from "meet the teacher" letters to use.
  - Will continue monthly snacks throughout the year. October will be 4th grade parents.
- Family Activities - Rachel Miller / Jenni Gruesen / Ariana
  - Ariana stepped up to help with this more this year. Katie and Amber volunteered to help on this Family Activities Committee.
  - Likely doing something pumpkin-y for October - pumpkin painting/decorating, maybe popcorn bar, maybe fall movie?
  - Skateland on the list - they've reached out.
  - Email Ariana ( [arianatwitty@yahoo.com](mailto:arianatwitty@yahoo.com) ) if you want to help with family activities. Need help!
- Book Fair
  - Fall book fair has been scheduled to be around conferences. Set-up will be on Oct 31 & Nov. 1. Book fair will run Nov. 2 - 9. Like prior years, PTO will donate book certificates for each

classroom for teachers to hand out to students as they deem appropriate with the goal that every kid has the opportunity to get a book.

- Parent volunteers will be needed - will send out a sign-up. This is a fun chance to volunteer - and there are night options for working parents.
- Social Media - Amber
  - There has been a Big increase in engagement on Facebook! Great job everyone in engaging.
  - The biggest one has been for the 5th grade break-room staff appreciation snacks!
  - Brainstorming ideas for different engagement ideas. Committee heads or others – send items you want highlight to Amber ( [foxworthya@gmail.com](mailto:foxworthya@gmail.com) ) or better yet, join BAND to share via the App.
    - To join our 'BC PTO' group on BAND (a communication app):  
<https://band.us/n/a4af9611S5ddF>
- Apparel - Lauren Sandman
  - Apparel sales went great this year - big increase from the prior year.
  - Some discussion on the Broken Arrow vendor and negative feedback from PTO members and others and what options we have. Will start by asking the other PTOs for their feedback, etc.

### **Unfinished/Old Business**

- PTO t-shirts - consensus was we should order and soon if possible. Nice to wear to PTO events so parents know who to ask questions to. Katie Stodtmann volunteered to get some options.
- Discussed what is needed for an outside space refresh day/afternoon to clean up landscaping/flowers and do maintenance. Mr. Toot shared that a lot of the need is out the art room door by the Gazebo going out to the playground - need some love there. Erica Metzger volunteered to talk with a local company regarding a 'vision/plan' and then setting up an afternoon for a 'work day' to execute.

### **New Business**

- Next meeting - October 10, 2023 (4 pm)

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.