



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 4 PM **Location:** In-person (BCE Library)

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen, Hannah Israel, Chanell Abing, Tara Helwig, Janette Lems, Mr. Toot, Cory Root, Erica Metzger, Rachel Miller, Kalli Hoben, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Mr. Gomez, Amber Albizures

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- We are approaching the halfway point of the school year. The 100th day of school is scheduled for Monday, January 30, barring any snow days.
- Winter literacy screenings will begin next week and all grades. Math screeners will also be administered to students this month.
- Our first band concert of the year will be held for 5 th graders on Thursday, January 19th.
- We are still working our way through the fundraising incentives. Our most recent one was the movie day. This was scheduled for December 23, and we had to change that due to the weather cancellation. Most grade levels did this last week. We have made a staff Tik Tok that will be shared, silly string is coming. The last incentive is the dunk tank. PTO idea was to have this on Field Day (5/12) and allow both staff members and parents to volunteer so all kids can have a chance to dunk someone.
- Courtyard update. I will be meeting with the prospective eagle scout in the near future to start the planning, including materials and timelines for completion. Planned completion is mid-August before the new school year begins.
- The February PTO meeting will be a meeting for all elementary PTOs. This will take place on Tuesday, February 14, starting at 6:30 at Timber Ridge Elementary. Individual PTOs can break into their own meetings at 7:00.
- Winter/Spring conferences are on Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 7. March 2 is the three hour early dismissal.

President's Report – Jenni Gruenisen

Thanks for coming to meetings each month, we hope that everyone feels welcome and a part of the PTO. As the year moves on and we transition to next year we see the PTO as one big group to work together.

Secretary's Report – Rachel Miller

- [December 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Chanell Abing; second - Cory Root. Motion Passes.**
- Rachel is creating a PTO email list for parents/families to sign up for communications directly from us. Joan sends most communication but some things can't go through her.
- Website Update: the site didn't have much on it before, so Rachel has been slowly building things in. The site currently includes meeting details, link to join mailing list, and meeting minutes. What else should we add? Ideas included: donations link, ability to pre-purchase tickets for events, treasurer's reports, add facebook feed into site. Please share any additional ideas with Rachel.
- We could start a PTO newsletter, maybe quarterly. If wanted, this can be implemented once we have a mailing list built.

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Not a lot of money items took place in December. We had a Spirit wear deposit of \$566 (the budget for this was \$500), miscellaneous donations from businesses for a few hundred dollars, and a few checks went out to reimburse supplies.

Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation
 - Upcoming PT Conferences, planned dinner and snacks watch for sign up genius from Joan.
 - Tara mentioned that the middle school teachers loved having a potluck, so that might be something our teachers like having as well.
- Original Works - Janette Lems
 - Mrs Lambert has everything already completed! She did it so quickly, maybe we can move up the timeline next year.
 - Artwork will be sent at the start of February to Original Works and we receive it back early March. Everything coincides with Spring Break so Janette is hoping to get things to families 3/3 well before Spring Break. The order due date is 3/24 and orders should arrive at the end of April (before Mother's Day).
 - Joan is sending out an email at the end of this month to watch for coming order forms.
 - Janette is going through artwork and tagging the back of items tomorrow, then she'll have a better idea what she may need help with. She may need extra help later, she will reach out.
- Book Fair - Hannah Israel
 - Coming up 2/27-3/7, will cover both conference dates.
 - In early February watch for volunteer sign up to be sent out. Please gather any shopping bags from Target or Hyvee - those are very helpful and we always run out.
 - We will not be sponsoring any students during the spring fair, and will likely continue only sponsoring during the fall fair.
 - We have a BOGO Fair scheduled over field day. If we hold this fair we get to keep our scholastic rewards until the fall fair which allows us to sponsor more kids at that time. Mr Toot said it would be okay to hold the BOGO Fair, so that will stay on the calendar.
- Family Activities
 - January 27 Indoor Movie Night - Rachel Miller
 - Cafeteria and gym reserved starting at 6 pm, we were told no food in the gym.
 - After the meeting Mr Toot checked into this and we were given approval to have popcorn and water only.
 - PTO will provide popcorn and bottled water, the event is free to families.
 - We have three movie ideas, all are PG and run about 1.5 hrs: Minions, Ice Age or Bad Guys. We decided to have students vote for their choice. Rachel will ask Mr Gomez for student leadership to help with voting. We will reveal the winning title at the door.
 - Can we do a future date night? Maybe have silver cords babysit for a drop-off movie night? There may be some insurance issues with holding that in the building, so we would have to check into that and plan well ahead of time.
 - In February we had planned ice skating at the Johnston Town Center, but they close for the season at the end of January. We talked about swapping Jan/Feb plans, but January has already been scheduled. Jenni had the idea of a Bingo night, but we realized that Winter Meltdown will follow and we usually have Bingo there. New ideas included roller skating, skyzone, and urban air. Jenni will reach out to Skateland first.
 - March 3 Winter Meltdown - Kalli Hoben
 - Kalli has contacted Silver Cords coordinator for student volunteers, the building is reserved, we need to coordinate with KTC for cafeteria use before 6 pm, Mr Gomez is helping with student leadership assistance for games, starting to work on food now, taking a look in the PTO Closet tonight to see where we are with prizes (we can ask families to donate prize items, and purchase more from Oriental Trading Co).
 - The magician we talked to said it would be \$250, do we want to hire him? He brings his own tables and equipment, along with a microphone and speakers. He will alternate two different shows back to back. Hannah is looking into having a balloon animal artist. We

- think there may be 200-300 students (plus siblings) attending.
 - What is the budget like? How much did we spend last year? Cory will send this information to Kalli.
 - We can have a separate meeting just for Winter Meltdown planning (date/time TBD), Amber will draft a donation email for Joan to send, and Ariana's husband is DJing.
- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy-Boarman
 - Received check from Charlotte's Kitchen for \$150, they thought it was slow, but we are happy.
 - Last night was Panera, no updates yet.
 - Wed, Feb 8 will be Pagliai's Pizza from 4-9 pm (dine in or carryout), we get 15% of all sales.
 - April & May TBD, we can skip March (Winter Meltdown & Spring Break)
 - Eliza is checking into student leadership serving/bussing at Culver's or Pizza Ranch, maybe Orange Leaf or coffee for a future month.
- School Support - Jenni & Rachel
 - Barta Family - we are gathering donations to purchase restaurant gift cards for the family. We shared via email with PTO folks and on facebook (including all grade level groups). Those who wish to donate can send money to the BC office, we will use it to buy gift cards in larger amounts to places they like, and Joan will help us get gift cards to the family.
 - Staff Lounge Snacks - yesterday we provided snacks and drinks which seemed to be a big hit. Almost everything was gone by our meeting time today. February will be a candy bar.
 - 100th Day - we will not be having a gift card drive due to logistics with sending out an email for monetary donations, but will do staff lounge snacks again during that week.
 - Staff Birthdays - everyone signed cards during the meeting
- Social Media - Amber Albizures
 - December facebook hiatus but we are back!
 - 300-400 people viewing each post (not a lot of interaction), the gift card for Barta's post is the most interacted with.
 - We will now have scheduled posts that Amber will set up during our meetings. We are still trying to add Chanell to help (update: Chanell got access after the meeting).
 - Upcoming posts include MLK Day, local sweetheart's dance, all about me post, Original Works, pizza night in Feb, and all schools PTO meeting.
- Yearbook
 - We had some questions about this. The system to design the yearbook opens/opened this month so the team is working on that. We can send pictures to the yearbook email: bcpto.yearbook@gmail.com and make sure it's in Joan's newsletters.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Setting up PTO Venmo account - Cory is working on it, should be doable
- T-shirts have been ordered for those who filled out the sizing survey from Amber in November. Amber used Ariana's design idea, shirts will say Beaver Creek PTO Crew. They should be \$15 and we will have them before the Winter meltdown. J. Strodtman is printing them for us.
- Starting a gardening group - future

New Business

- We are keeping a document with usernames and passwords for PTO accounts (email, website login, facebook page, etc) so it is easier to transition to new people when the time comes.
- We have two 4pm meetings/year so that teachers may attend. Is this something we should continue? Are teachers interested? In the past we have had a committee and done teacher grants, so teachers would attend meetings to report back after receiving grants. We would love to bring back teacher grants. There is already a potential request for next year if we bring this back: decodable texts for students.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:18