



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 7 PM
Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen, Mr Toot, Kalli Hoben, Cory Root, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Hannah Israel, Chanell Abing, Rachel Miller

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Big thank you for the Cookie Walk today! Our staff members greatly appreciated the winter treats.
- Our third graders attended the Nutcracker at the Civic Center on December 2.
- First, second and third grade students attended the Science of Magic presentation at the DM Civic Center in mid-November. This was a \$1/student field trip.
- The fourth and fifth graders had their vocal concerts right before Thanksgiving, and they were great as always.
- New tvs have been mounted to display messages around the building. We are still figuring out the capabilities of the system and realizing fonts don't change.
- 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. We did hit 10% of students absent.
- Classroom winter parties taking place on Thursday, December 22 at the end of the day. Details for each grade level will be shared by teachers. There will not be cookies this year due to a shortage of cookie dough through the district nutrition services. The approved, allergy-free treat is Krispy Kreme donuts. We will do a winter sing along assembly and also have our school movie day on Friday, December 23. This will be a three-hour early dismissal day.
- Winter break is from December 23 at 12:35 pm through January 2. School resumes on Tuesday January 3.
- The first fifth grade band concert of the year will be on Thursday, January 19.
- Winter screenings will be taking place in January. This includes literacy and math screening assessments.
- The 100th day of school is on Thursday, January 26th, barring a no school day between now and then. Today was day 75.
- A prospective Eagle Scout (Matthew Mikles) is wanting to partner with us to work on the courtyard project. A realistic timeline is to get the project completed by the start of the 2023-24 school year. There has been talk about laying new sod (hoping to partner with a local sod company), placing edging around the perimeter, rock around the low space for drainage, and pads for outdoor seating.

President's Report – Jenni Gruenisen

- No updates, aside from the principal's report and the committee reports

Secretary's Report – Rachel Miller

- [November 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Jenni Gruenisen; second - Eliza Dy-Boarman. Motion passes.**
- There was a request to send meeting minutes out closer to the following meeting. Rachel can send them out shortly after each meeting, then include them in the reminder email for the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Fall Book fair made just under \$2900, last year's fall fair made \$2600 and the year before was \$0.
- Our taxes are usually due Nov but our CPA extends them until May. There isn't money involved, it's just formality. Scott Anderson, CPA handles this - we usually send him a \$100 gift card but don't currently have an address we can send anything to.
- Amazon Smile (\$65) and various deposits came in this month - a total of \$930 of donations from businesses, etc

Committee Reports

- Book Fair - Hannah Israel
 - Thank you to all volunteers, families, staff who helped make it a success! Total sales were about \$12,000 - we made \$2900 for the library. The Spring Fair is coming, we usually have a lower amount in sales for Spring vs Fall.
 - This was our first time with sales tax, we covered maybe \$20 total for kids who were short.
 - The free book certificates seemed to work out well, each teacher had 8 to give out at their discretion. Around 75% got redeemed and kids seemed to really enjoy it.
 - Mr Toot liked this model where it was up to the teachers. It was nice to give boosts to kids regardless of need, and we had a good selection of books from the fair for kids to choose from. He will get feedback from teachers, but it sounds like we should continue something similar in the future. We liked that it wasn't tied to a dollar amount.
 - We will be using the Art Plus Room again, the Spring Fair will run for fewer days.
- Teacher Appreciation - Rachel Miller
 - The Staff Cookie Walk was today, and went very well. Families were very generous and staff members really enjoyed choosing treats to take home and enjoy. Leftovers were put in the staff lounge.
 - Last meeting we talked about a gift card drive where we could ask families to donate gift cards to give to all staff members. We wanted to keep the Cookie Walk as its own event and not detract from that. We considered doing it in January to be a bright spot in a dreary month, or tie it in with Teacher Appreciation in May. Mr Toot mentioned doing it around the 100th Day of school and that sounded fun, so that's in the works. Jenni and Rachel will set things up.
 - Hannah and Jenni had an idea for a monthly pick-me-up for staff. Each month we could have one grade sponsor (example: 5th Grade has January, so a donation request email goes to 5th grade families only). Nothing extravagant, just simple things to put in the staff lounge like mini bags of chips, drinks (water, soda, iced tea), popcorn, etc. We would do one month for each grade: September, October, November, January, February, and April (December will still be the Cookie Walk and May will still be Teacher Appreciation). We will be starting in January!
 - Rachel mentioned acknowledging staff birthdays throughout the year, including half birthdays. She can get a list from Joan to get started on that.
- Family Activities
 - Winter Meltdown - Kalli Hoben
 - Our planned date is Friday, March 3. Kalli will reserve the gym, cafeteria, music rooms, etc. She will create a Sign Up Genius for volunteers (adult and Silver Cords) and enlist the help of student leadership through Mr Gomez.
 - Students can help plan and run games, we can get more games from Mr Quam, and Ariana's husband will DJ again. The gym divides so we can have separate rooms as needed. A dance room, game, room, food in cafeteria, maybe a magician in the music room). Rachel will look into finding a magician (one high school student reached out to us this week).
 - Kalli will work on a list of things we need people to be in charge of and reach out to all family activity committee people - decorations, food, games, set up, clean up, volunteer coordinator, welcome table, etc. We for sure need help soliciting food donations. Last year we got 35 pizzas, Ariana recommended getting 50 this year. Maybe a pizza place will let us do an initial order and then reorder as needed to receive hot pizzas. We can also have cookies, popcorn, donuts, drinks, etc. We can solicit donations from

- businesses as well as from families like last year.
 - Jenni is going to work on setting up a PTO venmo we can use for donations and purchases
 - Upcoming activity plans/ideas:
 - Indoor movie night (January) - Rachel will work on planning this event for 1/27
 - Ice skating night at town center (February) - Jenni will coordinate
 - Color Run (April) w/Mr Quam
 - Johnston Town Center Movie night (May) - Jenni will coordinate
- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy-Boarman
 - Eliza is keeping track of each place, how much we make and which are easier/better for us.
 - Charlotte's Kitchen was last week, still waiting on final total
 - 1/9 at Panera 4-8 pm, they require showing a flyer (physical or digital), 20% sales to us - Joan will send out email flyer after 1/3 return to school
 - 2/8 4-9 pm Pagliai's 15% of ALL sales - we need to get this posted on JCSD social media to drive more business that evening
 - We could do Culver's again - maybe they will allow our students to serve and collect tips
 - In warmer months we could do Tropical Smoothie, Orange Leaf, Freddy's, DQ, etc. Scooter's might work as an extra event.
 - We received 5, \$25 gift cards from Jethro's given to Mr Gomez for BC Bump
 - Student leadership hospitality group is writing thank yous to all restaurants
- Social Media
 - We are working on getting full access to the facebook page so people can tag team

Unfinished/Old Business

- Starting a gardening group
- Follow up on PTO t-shirts

New Business

- Will we have our usual combined PTO Meeting in February? Mr Toot emailed other principals.

Adjournment at 8:13