



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 7 PM
Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen, Mr. Toot; Cory Root; Janette Lems; Erica Metzger; Arianna Twitty

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Fifty days of school left.
- End of the school year has been established-Thursday, June 1. It will be a 3-hour early out. 5th Grade celebration will be held that day with a clap out.
- Second/third grade concerts on Thursday, March 30.
- School wide assembly on Friday, March 31. Beaver Tracks will be drawn for students to “silly string” staff members at this assembly. The second and third graders will also perform a few of their concert songs.
- ISASP testing coming up for third, fourth and fifth graders the week of April 3.. This assessment is given to third, fourth and fifth grade students. The test is taken on student iPads, with subtests given in reading, language/writing, mathematics and science (fifth grade only). The results provide an idea of how students are doing compared to grade level expectations and also shows how we are doing as a school and district compared to other Iowa schools.
- JA Biz Town Field trip for 5th graders on April 6.
- Conditions for Learning survey will be given to third-fifth grade students the week of April 17. Information will be emailed to families on Monday, March 27.
- Beaver Creek Field Day is on Friday, May 12 with a BOGO Book Fair
- Planning is starting for the next school year. We are planning on 24 classroom sections next year, with there being four sections of all grade levels except in third grade. This is subject to change based upon enrollment numbers, getting roster classmates together. We do have some staff members moving on and some hiring to do, which we will be working on the next few months (no early retirement type of situation so not sure how many teachers are leaving or how many needed to hire). We are sending kids back to their home school in K.

Secretary's Report – Jenni Gruenisen

- [January 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Erica Metzger; second - Ariana Twitty. Motion Passes.**
- February meeting was all-school district meeting

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Winter meltdown - over \$2,000 in money come in - netting \$430
- **Cory motioned to pay the balloon artist extra for his extra time - \$300 in total for the 3 hours he was there. Second - Erica Metzger. Motion passes.**
- Spring book fair we made more than the fall book fair, netting \$3,000 - last year we gave about half to the literacy fund. Cory motioned to give 50% of the book fair money to the literacy fund (Mr. Toot, looking for decodable texts and asked us to maybe let that sit and so suggested earmark that money). Motion did not pass. **Cory motioned to earmark the money as requested by Mr Toot. Second - Jenni Gruenisen. Motion passes.**

- \$600 from Pagliais - most for the year
- \$215 Panera check
- Budgets for next year - be thinking about budgets for next year - looking for feedback

Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation - Jenni
 - pizza for the dinner went well
 - Teacher appreciation week is coming in may
 - Group will also be appreciating others in the school through the rest of the year
- Original Works - Janette
 - We have gotten half returned, and will probably extend a little longer.
 - don't know totals or anything at this point; might be sending an email for help to sort through.
 - Received feedback from other parents about having the kids sign and date the front of the artwork.
- Family Activities - Jenni
 - talked about the winter meltdown - good feedback on the BAND app;
 - Skate Night in May - we earned a free skate night, will just need to purchase rentals if needed
 - Chalk Color Run is coming in April - should be a fun activity for families
 - Still looking at doing a movie night at the Johnston town center
- School Support - Jenni
 - Breakfast in April
 - Nothing in May
 - Next year we will start having each grade sponsor a month for the teachers lounge. It has worked great this year and everyone has loved it.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Venmo account - no update, other than the Venmo is up and running and we will continue to use it.
- Starting a gardening group - does anyone want to help with this? We may need help with the courtyard
- We talked about PTO shirts, maybe making them over the summer.

New Business

- Be thinking about the 2023/24 school year. If you would like to keep your position, move on to something else, have a co-chair, etc. We can discuss more in April, and handle any necessary voting in May.
- Arianna Spoke about culture night at the high school
 - We were asked to contribute \$1000 and we discussed that amount too much. Leah Williams said they were going to ask each school for \$200 and so maybe we can contribute \$200.
 - We have people that would love to volunteer. It's a great event that we would love to contribute to.
- Erica mentioned the Frozen breakfast at the high school this Saturday 9-11 sign up by Thursday - free will donation.
- Ideas for next year:
 - sensory hallways
 - working sessions (to help teachers, coupled with PTO Meetings) Mr Toot thinks this would be helpful.

Adjournment