



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 7 PM

Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen, Katie Talley, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Rachel Miller, Erica Metzger, Janette Lems, Kalli Hoben, Matthew Mikles, Mr Toot, Cory Root, Hannah Israel

Courtyard Project Update - Matthew Mikles

- purpose: provide outdoor learning space with attractive courtyard and have long term solutions with low maintenance
- plan includes:
 - sod for plush grass - seed has been done before and doesn't seem to work
 - edged perimeter w/pea gravel, landscaping fabric, maybe low maintenance plants
 - 5 concrete slabs (measuring 8x8x4") including an accessible pad for wheelchairs, use tables from gazebo or combine funds to buy uniform tables
- estimated costs: sod \$700, rock \$1664, ground cloth \$60, edging \$144, concrete \$777.50 (could be as high as \$1500); ball park total: \$3345.50
- diagram (photo included below): orange is rock perimeter, green is concrete slabs, wheelchair path at bottom right with accessible table. blue area stays wet/muddy so we can fill with pea gravel and maybe add colorful chairs
- could have around 30 seating options with the right tables, enough for a full class
- Timeline: may be ambitious, but hoping to finish by June 1! We will break ground in May, do work during evenings and weekends.
- If anyone has contacts for sod, concrete and/or rock, please share
- Mr Toot will check into money handling. Usually the PTO writes a check to BC who then makes the purchases (tax free). Matthew will get final approval from scouts.

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- This is the busy time of year, with 35 days of school left. It is great to see the progress that students have made and how independent they have become. The rest of the year will fly by. We are planning on the last student day for Thursday, June 1 with a three hour early out
- Our fifth graders had a great time at Junior Achievement Biz Town last Thursday. This is always one of the highlights of fifth grade. They apply for jobs, learn about the community, elect a mayor and a DA. We have lots of parent volunteers.
- We are finishing up make up tests for the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing week for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The testing has gone well, and we look forward to seeing the results in the next few weeks.
- All students will do their final literacy and math screening assessments in early May. There has been strong growth, especially in our literacy screening results this year, and we have done some goal setting around our literacy data.
- Here is a list of the upcoming events on our school calendar for the rest of the school year:
 - Monday, April 17 Conditions for Learning survey, 3rd-5th graders
 - Friday, April 21: No school/Professional learning day for teachers
 - Thursday, April 27: Kindergarten and first grade vocal concerts
 - Week of May 1-May 12 Spring screening window: Reading K-5, aMath 1st-4th
 - Week of May 1 5th grade reading and math MAP testing
 - Thursday, May 11 Senior send off
 - Friday, May 12: Beaver Creek Field Day, older grades AM, younger grades PM
 - Thursday, May 18: Fifth grade band concert
 - Thursday, June 1: Last day of school/Fifth grade celebration and send off

Secretary's Report – Rachel Miller

- [March 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Jenni Gruenisen; second - Katie Talley. Motion Passes**

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Shared preliminary budget for next year. Nothing too major has changed, mostly based off of this year. Please share any thoughts about changes you'd like, we can vote on the final budget at our next meeting in May.
- Money came in this month for supply kits and last minute yearbooks. Original works officially wrapped up (we will have a total next meeting).
- Amazon Smile has ended so that is no longer an option
- We are above budget this year so far, made a lot more money this year than last year via the fall fundraiser and the book fairs.

Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation - Katie Talley
 - Committee is meeting tomorrow to finalize details for the rest of the year
 - Bus driver appreciation: 10 drivers and 3 associates. Student leadership is making signs to line the drive, we will send email or facebook post for families to make note or card for drivers
 - Administrative Professionals Day for Joan - planning a favorite things basket. We know she likes La Mie, Starbucks iced tea unsweetened, Centro, and El Mariachi.
 - Principal Appreciation for Mr Toot & Mr Gomez
 - May 7-13 is Teacher Appreciation Week
 - self care bingo: teachers do things to earn prizes during the week
 - idea from a teacher, ARL does 30 min puppy snuggle for \$250 donation, over lunch hour might work best - may ask for donations or use budget
 - Nurse appreciation 5/12
 - 5/26 last week of school do something special for staff members
 - Janette has ideas shared from teachers: Chair Massages (part of self care bingo), ice cream bar in lounge, snack faves: cheese, meats charcuterie style, nice pens (blue and black)
 - parents love to donate items, so let's keep enlisting help to allow more folks to be involved
- Original Works - Janette Lems
 - about 150 magnets didn't return or have payment, about 250 purchased magnets, 130 orders
 - Orders sent on 3/31, should receive items in the next week or two. Will do one late order but those likely won't arrive until summer. Janette may need help sorting/distributing one day.
 - We can enlist help next year as needed
 - Mrs Lambert did a great job for first year, if parents have thoughts or ideas please share, there was an idea to have a name and/or date on front, maybe themes for each grade. We plan to continue with OW.
- Family Activities
 - Color Chalk Run 4/22 - may need some volunteers mainly to throw powder (planning four colors at their own stations), will have other games (hula hoops, tug of war rope, etc)
 - We need to order powder, should be ½ lb per person - 300 people signed up - total \$600 for **Motion to approve \$600 - Hannah Israel; second - Erica Metzger. Motion passes.**
 - Skate Night 5/4 from 5-8 - free admission, skate rental not included.
 - Maybe a summer movie night at Town Center w/all elementary schools would be fun
 - If you have any family activity ideas, please share. We are planning a calendar for next year
- BOGO Book Fair - Hannah Israel
 - Scheduled for one day on/during Field Day, cases only.
 - We are flexible on location, talked about using the Band or Music Room (Thursday 5/11 set up is Day 3, Friday 5/12 is Day 4 but not usual schedule), maybe outside along the front walk to Door 1 if the weather is nice. We have more to think about and plan for location.

- School Support
 - Teacher breakfast on 4/14, set up at 7:30 am so teachers can get food before students arrive. Bagels, coffee, fruit, etc
 - Next year will be monthly done by grade levels
- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy-Boarman
 - Pagliai's was \$600 and they were so excited. They loved us and want to partner with us again maybe early next year and they will promote us more.
 - Orange Leaf Urbandale on Tuesday, April 25th from 4:00-7:00 pm, mention BC 20% of all sales - they want to do a summer event also.
 - May could be a repeat or something new, Scooter's was a no-go, Culver's may be a good repeat, Matthew mentioned El Mariachi as done by After Prom.
- 5th Grade Celebration
 - Pizza lunch
 - Waiting on approval for party rentals: dunk tank & inflatable obstacle course - this needs to go through the district approval process with the school board.
 - Kona Ice wants us to have a purchase day in order to have the truck for 5th grade celebration. Maybe have the truck open after school on the same day for families who want to buy (starting at 1:00 pm after early dismissal). Is there any way to have vouchers for kids? Maybe we hold it w/chalk run on 5/22? Wallace has done this.
 - Parents are donating by sending money to office or venmo

Unfinished/Old Business

- HS Culture Night
- 23/24 school year officer and committee positions
 - Cory would like to transition the Treasurer position in the next year or two
 - Someone had a fall 2023 fundraiser idea that we can't remember - we are thinking of ideas.
 - Next year we will be having work nights ahead of PTO meetings
 - We asked Mr Toot about having a PTO member joining new family school tours and/or sharing an info sheet with new families. He will let us know when tours are scheduled so we can join and meet the new families. There is probably going to be one in May and a few over the summer.

New Business/Other

- We are preparing a calendar for next school year, if you have any ideas for family activities, please share.
- We will be having a summer reading BINGO for students. They can bring their sheet (printed or digital) to Meet the Teacher in August for a prize. This will bring parents to our PTO tables where we can share our calendar and meet new parents.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Courtyard Diagram

