



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 - 7PM

Location: In-person (BCE
Library)

Attendees: Jenni Gruenisen, Rachel Miller, Cory Root, Chanell Abing, Louise Price, Elizabeth Van Gundy, Lindsey Strocie, Tara Helwig, Eliza Borman, Kalli Hoben, Risa Reim, Katie Sunaville, Megan Sing

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- We are excited for the 2022-23 school year. We are expecting over 550 students when we start the year. New students are still being enrolled as we get closer to the start of the year
- There are twenty four homeroom classrooms this year. There are five sections of Kindergarten, three sections of Third Grade, and four sections in every other grade level.
- A new Kindergarten section has just been added at Beaver Creek due to an larger than expected number of Kindergarten students across this district.
- There are several new staff members joining Beaver Creek this year. They are:
 - Paige Oswald 1st grade
 - Paige Karloff 2nd grade
 - Deanna Johnson 5th grade
 - Sara Rhine Special Education
 - Dana Goetz Special Education
 - Melanie Lambert Art
 - Kylie Davis SEBMH Interventionist
 - Carmin Bullock Lunch/playground supervisor
 - Sarah Green Special education associate
 - Elizabeth Spain Special education associate
 - Antonia Mihalovic Special education associate
- There are still some vacancies to fill. Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors that we are looking for associates, substitute associates and substitute teachers for this school year.
- Beaver Creek Elementary turns 25 years old this year, and we will be celebrating this milestone on Friday, October 21. More details will be coming as we get the school year started.
- This will be the second year of Leader in Me lessons with students, and we are working to expand student jobs around the building. We will also be talking about student WIGs (Wildly Important Goals) throughout the year. Members of our Leader in Me team are also working on information to share with families about Leader in Me.
- Mr Gomez moved to SSF (works in office, assistant principal type role), Dan Loy 5th-4th, Mrs Artist 2nd-3rd, Mrs Srsha 1st-2nd, Mrs Willis is now Instructional Strategist (improving teaching practices - new role this year)

President's Report – Jenni Gruenisen

- Trying to connect with all the committees and find heads for Family Activities. We can roll it into Fundraising or into Family Activities.
- All other committees are full with a full list of people to help

Secretary's Report – Rachel Miller

- [May 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Cory Root; second Jenni Gruenisen. Motion passes.**
- Future Meeting Agendas - will email for agenda items ahead of time
- **Motion to nominate Jenni Gruenisen as BCPTO President - Rachel Miller; second Cory Root. Motion passes.**
- **Motion to nominate Rachel Miller as BCPTO Secretary - Cory Root; second by Megan Sing. Motion passes.**
- **Motion to nominate Cory Root as BCPTO Treasurer - Jenni Gruenisen; second Eliza Borman. Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Not a lot of new items over the summer, just Dragon folders and laminating
- Restaurant nights last year were kind of hit and miss, so we don't have a large budget. We need someone willing to jump in and help set these up.
- Last year was the un-fundraiser which didn't raise a lot. This year we are planning a donation run/walk fundraiser (likely GoFundMe) where funds will be used to revamp the courtyard area (grass, benches, etc). We want students to be able to use the space. Date for this is Friday, October 21 to be combined with the birthday party.
- Back to school grant is \$\$ to give to every new teacher to the building, additional funds to brand new teachers.
- Leader In Me t-shirt difference covered by PTO
- Can we do digital payments? We have a paypal account, maybe we can put QR codes at events. Idea to set up a Venmo account to alleviate the need for checks.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Megan Sing
 - "Not a Fundraiser" went well last year at Summit. We are planning to have incentives for the whole school (example, \$5000 kids can silly string the principal, etc) and should run for a two week window. Maybe a kick off assembly then running the first few weeks of October, then if we hit incentives they can happen at the birthday party event. Push the event on facebook, through email via Joan, seesaw via teachers
 - Add Restaurant nights into Fundraising Committee
 - Add Reward Programs into Fundraising Committee?
 - We would love to have a crossing on 86th Street - maybe having Mayor Paula at the Fun Run will help to kick off her initiative to connect all the trails. We need to communicate with City Council Members and public works folks to get started.
 - Will set up email specifically for fundraising
- Staff Appreciation - update by Jenni
 - Starting the year with a breakfast for the staff on Monday morning
 - They will cover things in the winter, conference meals, and teacher appreciation week
- Apparel - Louise Price
 - Apparel link went out last week from Joan, will send another reminder before it closes
- Book Fair - Rachel Miller
 - Fall dates are 11/7-11/18
 - Used to have a school picnic, not sure if we are having that again this year.
 - BOGO Fair is scheduled over Field Day 5/18
- Social Media - update by Jenni
 - We should have a secondary poster for facebook
 - What to do with the PTO website? Update?
 - We should join all grade level facebook groups to post items in those groups
 - Maybe change group names to grad year?
 - We do have a Twitter account through Mr Toot
- 5th Grade Celebration - Tara Helwig

- o No longer need to buy bags for 5th graders - those will be provided by Summit
- New Families - Elizabeth Van Gundy
 - o New family get together during Meet the Teacher - Joan is sending email invite, they will have popsicles
 - o Also doing coffee & donuts for all new families in gazebo on first day of school
 - o Welcome page with all the info needed for new families
- Original Works - update by Jenni
 - o Planning to time it for orders to arrive before Mother's Day
 - o Wording shift on flyer about \$6 magnet (return? keep?) funds go to art teacher
 - o Maybe change in the vendor? Jenni's previous school had a different program where images were uploaded and could be purchased anytime throughout the year.
- Yearbook - no updates
- Reward Programs - Not filled
 - o Roll into fundraising, include details on new family flyers
- Family Activities/Restaurant Nights - Not filled
 - o restaurant nights usually one per month, amount brought in varies
 - o Winter Meltdown, Howell's Day, PJ Movie Night
 - o We could do another movie night in the field next to Beaver Creek, or rent HS auditorium

Unfinished/Old Business

- Previously contacted Center Grove Orchard for family activity. With 200+ people tickets discounted \$3 each (may need Sign Up Genius), maybe Saturday, October 1. Sounds like this won't work for us.
- Rachel & Megan reach out to Howell's for October 1 outing

New Business

- Outdoor garden space near playground needs continued maintenance
- Dragon Drive will continue this year in the weekly newsletter
- Families in need are connected with the Johnston Pantry. If other needs arise, Mr Toot will reach out to the PTO.
- The nurse has a stock of items that students may need, that is periodically replenished by families.
- Will have PTO Table at Meet The Teacher to greet families - we will have parent volunteers in the school this year (eye/hearing tests, picture day, etc)
- Summit will have Trunk or Treat and are inviting other school PTOs. Planning for the week before Halloween on a school night, outdoor (indoor if rain). Each PTO would decorate a car. The high school will still have their own, this would be for younger kids. Risa would like to help.
- October & January PTO meetings at 4:00 pm, all others at 7:00
- Maybe we can walk in the Homecoming Parade?
- Meals of the Heartland in November as a school?

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:34