



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 7PM

Location: In-person (BCE Library)

Attendees: Jenni Gruenisen, Amber Albizures, Chanell Abing, Hannah Israel, Katie Talley, Rachel Miller, Elizabeth Van Gundy, Janette Lems, Kalli Hoben, Megan Sing, Cory Root, Eliza Dy-Boarman, Erica Metzger, Nick Gomez, Eric Toot

Welcome & Introductions – Jenni Gruenisen

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- It is great to be in our fourth week of school!
- Beaver Creek's enrollment is at 575 students as of today, which is roughly 30 students more than last year. We have over 70 students new to Beaver Creek this year, not counting our Kindergarten students.
- We have five new teachers this year. Welcome to: Paige Owsalt, 1st grade; Paige Karloff, 2nd grade; Deanna Johnson, 5th grade; Brandy Melton, Kindergarten; Melanie Lambert, Art; Dana Goetz, Special Education; Sara Rhine, Special Education; Kylie Davis, SEBMH Interventionist
- New associates this year-working with our K students and lunchroom/playground supervision: Carmin Bullock, Antonia Mihalovic, Selena Folkerts, Rene Spain, Leslie Salazar.
- Homecoming week is next week, starting on September 19.
 - Monday, 9/19- Wear your Community Color! KDG-Red, 1st-Yellow, 2nd-Orange, 3rd-Green, 4th-Blue, 5th-Purple.
 - Tuesday, 9/20- Tropical Tuesday- Dress like you're at the beach on a tropical vacation.
 - Wednesday, 9/21 Wacky Wednesday- The name says it all! Be wacky with crazy hair, mismatching everything, or backwards clothes. Have fun!
 - Thursday, 9/22- Dress for Success (PS it's School Picture Day too)!
 - Friday, 9/23- Spirit- Show your DRAGON SPIRIT and wear Johnston gear!
- Literacy screenings (FAST assessments) started yesterday. All students will be screened three times each year, and the results of these screenings will be shared with families. We will also be completing some math screening assessments in first through third grades, and fourth and fifth graders will be taking the MAP math assessment. Results of these assessments will be shared later this fall.
- Fourth and fifth graders have been invited to apply for student leadership roles, and we hope to make selections and get more students assisting with jobs around the school in the coming weeks. Third graders will be invited to apply for leadership roles after winter break. Students leaders could be asked to help with PTO events throughout the year. Roles include Recycling, Assembly and Activities, Announcements, Safety. Kids can make posters for events.
- Big thank you to the PTO for the breakfast and treats provided during our pre-service days. These were greatly appreciated as we prepared for the start of the school year.
- Students help lead our first assembly of the year the Friday before Labor Day. We are planning on another assembly on Friday, September 23. Beaver Creek will celebrate its 25th birthday/anniversary of dedication on Friday, October 21. This is also the same day as the run/walk culmination to the fall PTO fundraiser, and parents will be able to participate with their children if so desired.
- Our Leader in Me work continues this year. Students engaged in the First 8 days to kick off the year, reviewing our expectations and the 7 Habits. Action teams will begin meeting soon. One thing we are working on is creating a "celebration wall," or a space to post pictures of students who have earned BC3 awards or other notable achievements. We are planning to use some of the funds provided by the PTO to get a sign to hang in this area as a backdrop for photos taken at the celebration wall.

- Staff Recognition - BC Bump: staff nominated, everyone can nominate teachers/drivers/etc (one certified one classified), once per month give two \$10 gift cards, asking for \$160 to cover gift cards October to May.
- We can budget for this and/or solicit gift card donations from businesses.
- **Motion to allocate \$160 to BC Bump - Rachel Miller; second Jenni Gruenisen. Motion passes.**

President's Report – Jenni Gruenisen

- Nothing to report outside of committee reports

Secretary's Report – Rachel Miller

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- **Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - Jenni Gruenisen; second Elizabeth Van Gundy. Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report – Cory Root

- Leader in Me so far \$2200
- Yearbook we should still have a few more orders come in
- PTO membership is down, we likely won't have more this year
- **Motion for PTO to cover sales tax at 6% on Howell's Outing - Rachel Miller; second Cory Root. Motion passes.**

Committee Reports

- Fundraising - Megan Sing
 - Rachel Miller has built an online landing page to promote our fundraiser. Electronic donations can be made through the page directly to our PayPal account. The only fee we pay is the processing fee for donations made by credit card. A QR Code was handed out (included below) to view the first draft of the landing page. This is just a quick mock-up to show as an example. The official page will be advertised with all fundraiser communications.
 - Fun Run 10/21 (rain date the following week) throughout the school day, linked to fundraiser and bday
 - Incentives start at \$500 (pie in face), \$1500 (staff dress in funny costumes), \$2500 (pj day), \$3500 (extra recess), \$4500 (silly string teachers), \$5500 (teachers learn tiktok dance), \$8000 (movie night/day at school), \$10,000 (dunk tank)
 - envelopes with packets to each student with their name to collect cash/checks, flyers will have levels of incentives, plus what we are fundraising for (courtyard)
 - we will have packet packing for fundraiser for those who can help
 - fun run: parents will be invited, students will run by grade (probably 30 minutes per class), we will set the course 2.5 km for 25th bday (Mr Quam likely has one mapped out). Mr Toot will work out if parents need to raptor in for spectating. Volunteers will have to background and raptor in as usual.
 - We can use a happy birthday yard sign from Katie Talley, balloons, flags, start/finish line, classes can make signs for race course, volunteer to lead warm up (Katie Talley), after race bananas/water (donated) outside, cupcakes (donated) in classes. We need volunteers for all these things.
 - kickoff on 9/30 (each community kickoff), keep donations open all month?
 - big thermometer by front doors and each community will have their own mini thermometer to track donation amount and incentive progress
- Book Fair - Rachel Miller, Hannah Israel
 - Fall dates in November, will be emailing the committee soon. Our volunteer sign up sheet will be sent out around the start of October.
 - Scholastic now requires us to charge sales tax on all purchases by families/students. We want kids to be able to buy books if they are short, so we can work that out. Ideas include a change jar at the register (from PTO) or having PTO cover by reconciling at the end of the fair. Other

- ideas welcome, we can decide at the October PTO meeting.
 - o Sponsoring kids this year, the Scholastic Dollars were set to expire. Instead of using them at the fair to sponsor kids, we had to buy books ahead of time. We should be able to sponsor all kids needed, but need to work out how to manage it. Rachel will work with Mr Toot on this.
- Social Media - Amber Albizures
 - o PTO Facebook Page, tracking views to see readership, etc. Please like/follow the page. We have increased views by 230 people the past two months. Encourage others to like the page!
 - o Amber has joined all the grade level pages except 5th grade so far. She is sharing community events as well as BC events.
 - o Amber has a calendar for social media posts, so send post info to her to be added to the calendar. Mr Gomez will email student leadership items to post.
 - o Chanell may help Amber as needed.
- New Families - Elizabeth Van Gundy
 - o First event rained out and we didn't have fully frozen popsicles (meet the teacher night)
 - o First day of school coffee and donuts had a few parents stop by
 - o Maybe reach out to families with students who were pushed to BC from other schools
 - o Elizabeth created a flyer for new families which includes reward programs (amazon smile, Casey's, boxtops). We should have printed copies for new families throughout the year.
- Reward Programs
 - o Roll into Fundraising
- Family Activities - Rachel Miller
 - o Howell's Pumpkin Patch October 1, flyers going home this week. Tickets must be pre-purchased for the discounted rate of \$10. Deadline to send money is 9/28, we will purchase the tickets on 9/29 then email digital tickets to families on 9/30.
 - o We should have a table with prizes and donations like we did last year, either at the gate or somewhere inside the farm. Volunteers can run the table.
 - o Future ideas: Indoor movie night (January), ice skating night at town center (February), Winter Meltdown (1st Friday in March), Spring bike ride or Skyzone (April), Johnston Town Center Movie night (May). Nothing planned for November/December as we already have restaurant nights and those months tend to be so busy anyway.
 - o There was an idea to work with the HS production of Frozen - breakfast with cast or something
 - o We need someone to head Winter Meltdown - Kalli Hoben wants to head the committee. Amber will co-lead if needed. Rachel will track down the binder from Ariana.
 - o Maybe we can partner with Johnston Partnership for holiday donations? It will already be in the newsletter from Joan to send them holiday donations.
- Restaurant Nights - Eliza Dy-Boarman
 - o Tuesday 9/20 from 4-7 at Culver's (Plum Dr), don't have to mention BC, 10% of all sales
 - o Tuesday 10/11 from 2-7 at Tropical Smoothie (Johnston), don't have to mention BC, 20% of all sales
 - o Wednesday 11/2 from 5-7 at Chick-fil-a (Merle Hay), Must mention BC: 15% of dine-in/carry-out/drive-through and 20% of mobile orders (must say "Spirit" in special instructions). We will have a BCPTO table inside, needs to be set up our table at 4:30 and we need two reps there. Eliza will be there but we'll get more volunteers to help her.
 - o Tell parents to always say BC on restaurant nights so we are used to it.
 - o Trying to find one for early December, maybe Pagliali's, Charlotte's or Jethro's (Kalli reaching out)
- Original Works - Janette Lems
 - o can't do Christmas due to turnaround time, so we are sending in artwork in February. Artwork will start the first week of October.
 - o Orders should come back March 1 so we can send info out before Spring Break. April 25 is the item receiving date to send purchases home.
- Teacher Appreciation - Katie Talley
 - o committee is meeting this week, send ideas their way
 - o conferences: early out day have snack type food and full day have full meal?

- o favorite things list from each teacher (student involvement, poem for teacher, etc)
- o Should we have room parents to coordinate or just parent volunteers as needed? winter party, spring party, etc

Unfinished/Old Business

- We talked about joining Summit PTO at their Trunk or Treat - we would decorate a car. Risa volunteered to help. - Megan said it was just approved so we can join. She'll let us know the date and details as it gets planned.
- It was mentioned that we could walk in the Homecoming Parade as a PTO. Too late for that now.
- We are considering doing Meals of the Heartland as a school in November. Push pause on that.
- gift cards for teachers

New Business

Adjournment

meeting adjourned at 8:42