



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025 - 7 PM

Location: BCE Library

Attendees: Katie Strodtmann, Hannah Israel, Janette Lems, Cory Root, Abby Woodside, Ali Mohr, Brooke Whiting, Erica Metzger, Mr. Toot

Welcome – Hannah Israel

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Today was day 57 of the school year and conferences are behind us. Huge thanks for the conference dinners! We had great attendance at fall conferences. It was great to see all of the items donated to the “free to take” table, and a number of items were taken by families during the conference nights. We will keep some of the items at Beaver Creek for students who have some needs, and the rest will be donated to the Johnston Partnership.
- The Beaver Creek PTO Run/Walk event was a big success! We had a beautiful day and a great turn out. Thanks to the PTO for organizing the event and helping arrange for volunteers and snacks for all of the participants.
 - Fundraiser incentives: Movie/game time in class - Tuesday, November 25
 - Incentives left to do: Silly Stringing staff members, Dunk tank at Field Day, Free seating at lunch day.
- Our first concerts of the year will be held on Thursday, November 20, with the fourth and fifth grade concerts. There will be a school wide assembly the morning of Friday, November 21, and our fourth and fifth graders will be performing a few of their concert songs at that assembly.
- Safety Drills: A lock down drill was practiced last month. This is one of many safety drills we practice each year.
- Second and Third grade students will be going to a performance of the Nutcracker on Friday, December 12, at the Des Moines Civic Center. In future years, this will transition to a second grade field trip, as third grade students get an Opera Iowa experience provided by the Vocal Parents Association.
- Winter parties and winter break: Tentative plans are for classroom winter parties to be held on Friday, December 19. Our winter assembly will take place prior to the classroom parties. I will be asking teachers/grade levels what type of support they will need from families-volunteers to assist with the planning and party, donations from families.
- An iPad refresh will take place in December. A decision was made to replace our iPads with the newest generation, and the school district is saving money by doing so. One change is the new iPads will not have a traditional headphone jack, but instead headphones will need a USB C connector or converter. We will have converters available, but a family is welcome to purchase headphones with a USB C connector for their child. We do not want students bringing airpods or wireless headphones to school.
- District boundary study committee begins meeting on Thursday, December 4. Updates coming.

Secretary's Report – Erica Metzger

- Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented - **Katie Strodtmann**; second **Brooke Whiting**. **Motion passes.**

Treasurer's Report - Rachel Miller

- Account Balances
Checking: \$27,484.57
Savings: \$20,100.51
- Outgoing this month:
-Gift cards for staff BC Best
-Deposit for Winter Meltdown
-Grant purchase for Amber Salazar's Room (wagon)
-Staff Appreciation Reimbursements
- Incoming this month:
-fundraiser donations
-t-shirt donations
-Broken Arrow: \$103.20
- Outstanding Deposits:
-Culver's check (waiting to hear from them)
-Venmo \$225 (conference meals)
- New Venmo account - @bcptjohnston

Committee Reports

- Fundraiser/Fun Run - 2025/2026 School Year -
 - Fun Run event was great; good weather.
 - Just over \$10,000 raised for the fundraiser!
- PTO/Teacher Grants
 - Reviewed teacher request intake form
 - Can request funds throughout the year; no specific timing
 - Mostly looking for items that can benefit multiple kids for multiple years
- Restaurant Nights -
 - Nov. 6th Panera | 4pm - 8pm
 - Dec. 17th Slim Chicken | 5pm - 8pm
 - Thinking through lots of other great places for the remainder of the year
 - potential for Saffron Indian Restaurant in January
- Staff Appreciation - Alison Mohr
 - Conference meals went great - Northern Lights; Jimmy Johns
 - 4th and 5th grade snack days went well. Resume snack days in January.
 - Cookie walk is planned in December - Thurs. Dec. 11. Will be in the Art Plus Room.
- Family Activities / Winter Meltdown
 - No update right now
 - Winter Meltdown - Friday, Feb. 27th
 - December - Slime Kitchen Family Night - Week of Dec. 1?
 - January 23 - Skateland
 - March - no event
 - April - BC Family Outdoor Clean-up (Date TBD)
 - May 1st - Movie Night - *potentially outdoor*
- Book Fair - Hannah Israel
 - Book Fair went well...similar to prior years
 - Just over \$10K in sales; will net around \$2K in sales
- Social Media

- No Update; Engage with the posts as you can!
- Apparel - Lauren Sandman
 - Previous sale is done – no numbers yet
 - Next sale will be in November/December to coincide with the holiday shopping
 - Some discussion on how we can advertise better; get more participation
- Other - Orig Works
 - Last Day of School - May 29th - 5th Grade Celebration

Unfinished/Old Business

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New Business

- Next meeting - December 9, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

2025-2026 PTO Calendar

PTO Meetings:

- August 19, 2025 (7 pm)
- September 9, 2025 (7 pm)
- October 14, 2025 (4 pm)
- November 18, 2025 (7 pm)
- December 9, 2025 (7 pm)
- January 13, 2026 (4 pm)
- February 10, 2026 (TBD - All School)
- March 24, 2026 (7 pm)
- April 14, 2026 (7 pm)
- May 12, 2026 (7 pm)

Events:

Monthly Restaurant Spirit Nights and Family Activities (Pumpkin Painting, Indoor/Outdoor Movies, Roller Skating, Reading Night) will continue

- October 2025 - Fall Fundraiser / Fun Run
- November 2025 - Fall Book Fair
- December 2025 - Staff Cookie Walk
- March 2026 - Spring Book Fair
- February 2026 - Winter Meltdown
- May 2025 - BOGO Book Fair
- May 2025 - 5th Grade Celebration

Staff Appreciation:

Includes signed birthday cards for all staff members

- August 22, 2025 - Start of School Breakfast
- October 2, 2025 - National Custodian Day
- November 11 & 13, 2025 - Conference Night Meals
- March 5 & 10, 2026 - Conference Night Meals
- April 2026 - School Library Month
- April 28, 2026 - Bus Driver Appreciation
- April 22, 2026 - Administrative Professionals Day
- May 1, 2026 - Principal Appreciation Day
- May 4-8, 2026 - Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6, 2026 - Nurse Appreciation Day

Monthly snacks in the Staff Lounge:

Sponsored by grade levels

Each month of the school year the PTO plans a snack day for staff members and we ask families from one grade level to donate snacks and drinks. Watch for your turn through ParentSquare notifications!