

PTO Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

In attendance: Tara Hartman, Toni White, Jamie Rehmman, Mr. Toot, Brian Hurley, Lindsie Davenport, Melissa Pope, Kim Kendall

Called to order 7:02pm

Principal's Report

- It is nice to have outdoor recess this week after having a week of indoor recess last week. We have not had a pile of snow on our blacktop all winter.
- Volunteers needed. An EL Parent Class will be held at the Johnston Public Library. The goal of the class is to help EL adults learn to speak and read English. Curriculum from the University of Minnesota and Goodwill Industries will be utilized in the class. The volunteers will assist with instructor. It is not necessary to be fluent in another language. Sponsored by JESPA, Goodwill Connections, Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community and the Johnston Library.
- We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year, and the district is utilizing an on-line registration process. Re-registrations will take place later this winter or in early spring.
- There are currently three student teachers at Beaver Creek:
 - Janette Seybert has a student teacher from Iowa State University, Allie Wisnieski.
 - Jim Quam has a student teacher from Grand View University, Cory Crnkovich.
 - Diane Rosene has a student teacher from Grand View University, Jaylin Briley.
 - Heidi Hafner has a student teacher from Simpson College, Kaitlyn Louk.
- The first semester is done on Friday, January 13. Related arts progress reports will be sent home for 1st through 5th graders on Friday, January 20.
- Iowa Assessments taking place at the end of the month in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Literacy assessments will be taking place the next few weeks in all grades.
- Beaver Creek staff members will be participating in a variety of professional learning opportunities on Monday, January 16. The learning connects to our school improvement plan and literacy standards.
- The 100th day of school is on Tuesday, January 31st.
- A draft of the 2017-18 school calendar was a discussion item at the Board of Education meeting last night. The proposed start date for students is Thursday, August 24, and the last scheduled day for students is on Friday, June 1. Winter break is schedule from Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2. All other features are similar to the current academic year calendar.
- A survey will be available in the near future regarding school start times. Families, staff members and students will all have the opportunity to participate in the survey, including 4th and 5th graders at the elementary schools. Results will be available after spring break and start time changes could be possible next year.
- Our next concert is on Monday, February 13. This is a combined band and vocal concert for 5th graders.
- The remaining vocal concerts will take place in April, and there will be one more band concert in May.
- The March PTO meeting is a joint meeting with the other elementary schools on Tuesday, March 21 at Lawson elementary. I will not be able to attend that meeting due to a professional conference.

President's Report

- Cookie Walk Thank you - Kristy Houghton for planning and everyone who donated treats
- Thanks to parents who donated and/or volunteered for the holiday parties
- Terri Morgan for her work on Friends of BC
- February meeting is on the 14th; March is at Lawson

- Feb 28th 6-8p Skating Night - Thanks to Lindsey Davenport for her work to plan this event
- Carolyn Miner & Toni White for working with Joan to develop a PTO sign up to capture volunteers
- Filling committee chair and PTO board roles

Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes: Brian Hurley; Tara Hartman seconded.

Treasurer's Report

- Currently have \$20,825.72 in the checking account and \$10,062.61 in the savings/capital expense account
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Brian Hurley, Lindsey Davenport seconded. Approved.
- Teacher Grants (previously \$5k in fall and \$5k in spring). No fall grants offered in fall of 2016 due to our new project/grant fund process. It was proposed to offer Spring Grants based on what has been earned or the project/grant fund and literacy fund (approximately \$3100 with \$250 expected from roller skating) with regard to the new process of the project/grant fund. We are planning to give all proceeds from the spring fundraiser and spring Friends of BC (after 10% to capital expense fund) to the furniture project. Discussion regarding spring grants.
- Motion to offer \$3500 for teacher grants this spring, due January 27th with the intent to review and make approvals at the February meeting by Brian Hurley, seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Original Works: Michelle Herbst

- Mrs Hafner requested that the Original Works Fundraiser be held earlier in the spring. This change would allow all the student's artwork to be returned in time for the Fine Arts Night Art Show. Original Works was able to change our dates compared to previous years.
- The last week of February, BC families will be notified via a paper flyer in English and Spanish that their student's magnets will be coming home on March 1st.
- Families will have until March 24th to submit an order.
- BC will receive the completed orders on April 20th. Completed orders will be sent home with the students.

5th Grade Celebration: Jamie Rehmann & Becky Janni

- Tuesday, May 16th (rain or shine)
- First committee meeting is Monday, January 30th @ 7pm at Jamie Rehmann's home

Spring Fundraiser: Brian Hurley

- Thursday, April 27th; rain date May 4th, 2017
- Theme: Race for the Pods (or something similar)
- Need committee members; if you're interested, contact Brian Hurley
 - bhurley4cy2@mchsi.com
- Kick off fundraising after spring break

Old Business

None

New Business

Kim Kendall shared a lead for a potential visiting author that focuses on anti-bullying
If you have any unused clothing, consider donating to Johnston Partnership. Any school-age sized things could be needed at Beaver Creek; check with Kristin Farrell, Beaver Creek school nurse.

Adjournment 8:19pm

Motion to adjourn: Tara Hartman