



Beaver Creek PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 9th,  
2018  
Location: Beaver  
Creek Library 7:00 pm

**In attendance:** Carolyn Miner, Sara Rose-Lahey, Amanda Cheese, Nicole Rourke, Eric Toot, Jennie Anderson, Allen Hentscher & Lindsey Wisham

### **Principal's Report – Mr. Eric Toot**

We are settling back in to routines after winter break. January is a good month for learning and we really start to see progress in our students. It is nice to have outdoor recess this week after having a week of indoor recess last week. There seems to be an increase in sickness at school. Registrations for the 2018-19 school year will open up toward the end of January, and the district is utilizing an on-line registration process. Re-registrations will take place later this winter or in early spring. There is currently one student teacher at Beaver Creek, and her name is Samantha Sweet. She is working in Nick Gomez's room through early March. Iowa Assessments taking place at the end of the month in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, with the first day of assessments taking place on Monday, January 29. 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 15. The morning will focus on cultural equity and the afternoon will vary by role and content area. The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. A draft of the 2018-19 school calendar has been discussed at Board of Education meetings, with hopes of approval at the January 22 school board meeting. Our next concert is on Monday, February 12. This is a combined band and vocal concert for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The remaining vocal concerts will take place in April, and there will be one more band concert in May. The February PTO meeting is a joint meeting with the other elementary schools on Tuesday, February 13 at Timber Ridge elementary. Beaver Creek staff members decided to eliminate Valentine's Day parties and replace these parties with Spring Fling parties, to be held on Thursday, March 8, which is the day before spring break. Several factors were considered when making this decision last spring. One factor was the need for families to purchase Valentine's Day cards for students to exchange at school during parties. Another factor are the romantic undertones often associated with Valentine's Day and that we do not want to promote these at an elementary school. The Spring Fling parties will be classroom parties and a celebration of getting through the winter. More details about these parties will be shared with families in classroom newsletters and in February's school newsletter. has scheduled a meeting to meet with a small committee to help review the bylaws for PTO on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **President's Report – Carolyn Miner**

Carolyn thanked everyone for attending the meeting and appreciates all the hard work being done. Next meeting will happen on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> as a joint PTO meeting with the other Johnston schools. The meeting will take place at 7pm at Timber Ridge Elementary.

### **Vice President's Report – Nicole Rourke**

There will be a meeting to cover the BCPTO bylaws and review them with Nicole Rourke on March 1st.

Please contact Nicole if you are interested.

### **Secretary's Report – Amanda Cheese**

December 2017 meeting minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey**

Checking balance: \$16,403.61

Savings balance: \$10,074.80

Paypal balance: \$804.30

Amanda Cheese motioned to approve the report, Lindsey Wisham seconded, motion approved.

### **Committee Reports -**

#### **All School Roller Skating Event – Carolyn Miner for Lindsie Davenport**

The all school Roller Skating event will take place on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Original time frame was from 5pm to 8pm. However, Lindsie has requested for this to be revised to 6pm-8pm. The committee has difficulty staffing the event for the extra hour. They will try to advertise the event more this time around via a Facebook post on the Beaver Creek page and sending home a flyer with the students.

#### **Book Fair – Jennie Anderson**

The Beaver Creek Spring book fair will take place from February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Teacher Wish Lists – Lindsey Wisham**

The committee is working with the teachers and staff to update the lists to make sure they are correct. Committee members are putting together a monthly email reminder to communicate this to teachers.

#### **Original Works Art Fundraiser – Carolyn Miner for Tara Hartman**

Original Works will be sent home (via preview Magnet of the student's selected art piece) with students on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Money and orders are due back to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Herbst will assist Tara Hartman with this fundraiser.

### **Unfinished Business –**

None

### **New Business –**

None

### **Next Meeting –**

Next meeting will take place as our annual joint JCSD PTO meeting at Timber Ridge Elementary on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **Adjournment -**

Time: 7:50pm – Nicole Rourke motioned to approve the report, Sara Rose-Lahey seconded, motion approved.

*\*items presented in New Business will be voted upon unless tabled until the next meeting*

Unapproved