



Beaver Creek PTO Meeting Minutes -
Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

Location: Beaver Creek Elementary

In attendance: Amanda Cheese, Sara Rose-Lahey, Nicole Rourke, Lindsay Davenport, Lindsey Wisham, Justin Allen, Ms. Susie Jorgenson, Kristy Houghton, Alicia Huguelet, Jennie Anderson, Terri Morgan, Jeremy Williams, Tara Hartman, Jill Hockemeyer, Yogeshwara Gonchigar, Carolyn Miner

Principal's Report – Amanda Cheese for Mr. Eric Toot

Thanks for attending tonight. I am at a Johnston high school girls' home track meet to watch my daughter and volunteering to help run the meet as well. Fifth graders attended Junior Achievement Biz Town on Monday. Big thanks for the PTO for helping support this for the students and to the many parents who volunteered and helped. In future years, Johnston Community Schools curriculum funds will be used to allow fifth graders from all five elementary schools to participate in JA Biz Town. Fourth graders will be attending *Hy-Vee's Exercise your Character Day* at Hy-Vee Hall on Thursday, April 12th. Kindergarten students will be attending a performance at the Civic Center on Friday. The first and second grader music concert will take place on Monday, April 16th. First graders will perform at 6pm and second graders will perform at 7:15pm. Field Day and the Beaver Creek BBQ will be on the same day this year on Thursday, May 24th. Third through fifth graders will participate in field day in the morning and Kindergarten through second graders will participate in the afternoon. Planning is underway for the 2018-2019 school year. We anticipate having four sections of each grade level, except for fifth grade, which will have five sections. Mrs. Noble has resigned as a reading teacher, and Mrs. Mack will take her place next school year. Mrs. Evans will move from Kindergarten to first grade, taking Mrs. Mack's place. Mr. Loy will move up to fifth grade next year, teaching fifth section in fifth grade. There will be some movement of programs in the building, as there will be some extra space with preschool moving to Wallace Elementary/Johnston Early Learning Academy. Two associates are leaving the building for next school year. Virginia Bryant is retiring after a long career as a special education associate. Sue Golightly is resigning as she and her husband are relocating to the Omaha area. Our BC3 committee would like to do a year-end celebration again late in the school year, like what we did last year. We cannot use funds from the school budget to pay for inflatables per regulations on how to use public dollars. There is \$600 in the Principal's Discretionary Fund in the PTO budget that can be used for the year-end celebration. We have not committed to anything but have done some research on inflatables. A vendor out of West Des Moines has quoted us a cost of \$1,526.50. This includes obstacle course, hungry hippo game or wacky ball (we must pick - hungry hippo is for grades 3-5), giant slide, bounce house and dunk tank. That's a 10% discount and

the bounce house for no charge. The vendor is Hop A Lot Rentals in West Des Moines (www.hopalotrentals.net). You can see the inflatables on their website. The price quote is for the full day, so we could give the students more time than we were able to last year. Is this something the PTO can provide funding for the students?

President's Report – Carolyn Miner

Carolyn thanked various members of the PTO for all their time, hard work and dedication to our school/students/staff.

Vice President's Report – Nicole Rourke

PTO current chairs will need to fill out a form for the next year committee chair IF they are not continuing with their position for the 2018-2019 school year. Please see Nicole Rourke for more information.

Secretary's Report – Amanda Cheese

March meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey

Checking balance: \$21,066.93

Savings balance: \$10,080.64

The money earned from the Spring book fair was deposited into the checking account. We need to determine what to do with the Outdoor Classroom funds. Motion to approve the report by Amanda Cheese and Alicia Huguelet seconded it. Motion passed.

Special Guests –

Justin Allen, Johnston School Board Member

Justin thanked the PTO for the invite to the meeting. He has had two children graduate from Beaver Creek. In Justin's opinion, he feels the current Johnston School board is very well balanced. The board feels they have a very passionate and dedicated staff to work with. The main building projects they are addressing right now are: the new Wallace school building (the old Johnston middle school), new administration building (the old Wallace elementary) and the new high school baseball/softball complex. Justin mentioned the event coming up "Raising Healthy Dragons" that will take place on April 23rd at Summit Middle School in Johnston. Some topics that the school board is currently addressing is Bus issues: 100th Street across from Horizon Elementary and NW 62nd cross walks. Justin encouraged PTO members to contact him or other school board members anytime.

Ms. Susie Jorgenson, School Teacher & Organizer of the Beaver Creek Student Council

Ms. Jorgenson came to the meeting to talk about the new Beaver Creek Student Council program that she and Mr. Gomez assist with. The goal of the council is to help the members be engaged with activities and organizations within the school and the community. There are currently 10 - 4th grade student council members and 8 – fifth

grade members. The students had to fill out an application and go through an interview process to be accepted on the council. The council meets twice a month. They are currently having their first fundraiser with the ARL. They have asked students to bring in supplies for the ARL. It is going very well and the council members are enjoying the responsibility of collecting the items for the ARL. Future events planned for the council are reading announcements on Wednesdays for the BC3 awards, various tips to the student body (example: how to greet adults), more fundraising (details to be determined) and helping Mr. Toot with school assemblies. Ms. Jorgenson encouraged the PTO to reach out to the student council for future volunteer opportunities.

PTO Committee Reports –

Spring Fundraising – Kristi Houghton

The PTO Spring Fundraiser - Run/Walkathon 2018 will take place on Thursday, April 19th. Rain date is scheduled for Friday, April 20th. Information packets were sent out to students this week. We are utilizing a new website (<http://pledgestar.com/beavercreek>) to collect donations this year. The PTO will have to pay a fee for using it. The fee for the service is 7% of donations, received through the website, not to exceed \$995. Many PTO members agreed the process for donating was very smooth and easy to use. Donations will be collected April 9th to April 27th. It is the PTO's goal to raise \$12,500.

Spring Book Fair – Jennie Anderson & Alicia Huguelet

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the Spring 2018 Fair and to the teachers and staff at Beaver Creek for their support. We were able to raise \$1,696 for the PTO from the spring fair. We were also able to give \$2,183 in books to Beaver Creek students and teachers as part of the fair.

5th Grade Celebration and Biz Town for 5th grade – Amanda Cheese for Toni White

We have raised over \$2800 for the fifth-grade event and Biz Town. The fifth graders attended Biz Town yesterday and had a fantastic time! We were excited that the PTO could help sponsor this special learning opportunity. Things are well underway for the fifth-grade celebration at Hidden Acres on May 17. Permission slips went home last week and an email to volunteers went out today. If you know if parents would like to volunteer, please have them contact Toni White. Our activity booklet is being worked on, the memory book is coming together, lifeguards are being secured, and the drawstring bags are on order. If you have any photos of this year's fifth grade class during any other time at Beavercreek, please forward these to Abby Hawes. It should be a fantastic day for the kids!

Family Activities – Lindsie Davenport

Beaver Creek has earned a free skating party (this is based on our last skating party that took place in February 2018). The free earned skating party will take place on May 1st. Lindsie is working on a theme for the party and reminders will be sent out via the PTO website and Facebook Page as well as paper slips being sent home to students.

Budget Committee – Sara Rose-Lahey

Sara will be working with the committee on the 2018-2019 PTO school year budget. A meeting will be set for some time in the next few weeks.

Unfinished Business -

PTO By-Laws – Nicole Rourke

The PTO By-Law revisions were presented by Nicole Rourke. There were three changes made: Change number one: PTO Membership fee from \$3 to now \$5 per year. Motion to approve change made by Terri Morgan and Sara Rose-Lahey seconded it. Motion passed. Change number two: PTO communication – added Facebook Page. Motion to approve change made by Nicole Rourke and Jennie Anderson seconded it. Motion passed. Change number three: PTO Volunteering – added information about PTO officers having flexibility number of year served. Motion to approve change made by Lindsey Wisham and Alicia Huguelet seconded it. Motion passed. The revised/approved PTO By-Laws will be posted to the Beaver Creek PTO website

New Business -

BC3 Event Request – Funding for Inflatables

A fair amount of discussion took place on funding the inflatables that Mr. Toot along with the BC3 committee have requested. It was noted from several PTO members that this was requested last year, and the PTO would only be asked to fund this one time only. Currently, there is nothing in the budget for funding this committee event. After looking at the budget as it stands, it was decided at this time not to fund the inflatables for the end of the school year BC3 celebration. We ask that the BC3 committee request a budget from the PTO for next year's event and the PTO will look at putting aside some money for this event in 2019.

PTO Nominating Committee – Nicole Rourke

We are actively recruiting many important volunteer members for the following open positions: Book Fair Chair, Yearbook Chair, Fundraising Chair and Teacher Appreciation Chair. The following PTO positions for the 2018-2019 school year are being nominated: PTO Vice President – Jennie Anderson and BoxTops Chair – Karen Yuska.

Adjournment -

Time 8:45pm

Alicia Huguelet motioned for the adjournment and Nicole Rourke 2nd it.

*Items presented in New Business will be voted upon unless tabled until the next meeting.