



Beaver Creek PTO  
Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
BC Library  
7:00pm

In attendance: Mr. Toot, Toni White, Tara Hartman, Carolyn Miner, Jamie Rehmman, Sara Rose Lahey, Brian Hurley, Karmen Gano, Allen Hentscher, Sara Hentscher, Lindsay Davenport (late)

Called to order 7:01pm

### Principal's Report

Mr. Toot

- A great fifth grade band/vocal concert took place last night. The next concert is the first and second grade concert, scheduled for Thursday, April 13, followed by the Kindergarten concert on Tuesday, April 25. The annual Art Show is taking place on Thursday, April 27. The last band concert of the year will be on May 22.
- Iowa Assessments testing is completed and our materials will ship for scoring. Results will not be available to families until after spring break. We have also finished our required reading assessments, and the results shared at parent teacher conferences.
- School is not in session for students on Monday, February 20. The schedule include professional learning time for teachers in the morning and work time for progress reports during the afternoon. This is our last no school day for the school year outside of spring break and Memorial Day.
- Parent teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday March 7. Progress reports are coming home in student backpacks on Friday, February 24. The purpose of sending them home early is to give families the chance to look over the progress report prior to the conference.
- Registration for the upcoming school year will be on-line. Look for an email from our office when the district is ready to begin accepting registrations.
- Incoming Kindergarten student visits will take place on Tuesday, May 2.
- The school calendar is set for the coming school year, with a start date of Thursday, August 24.
- Time study survey results have returned and summary information will be shared later in the school year. Changes will most likely not be made for the 2017-18 school year.
- This is the 20<sup>th</sup> school year for Beaver Creek. The first school year was 1997-98, and Beaver Creek housed Kindergarten through second grade students from across the district. Lawson underwent extensive remodeling that school year. Johnston then moved to a neighborhood school model starting in the fall of the 1998-99 school year. Since that time, Horizon opened in 2001 and Timber Ridge opened in 2007. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school dedication date is October 19, 2017. Work is beginning to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beaver Creek, and I would like the PTO to help with this commemoration/celebration.
- Time Study - Board will discuss at next meeting. Unless the Board feels compelled to do something this year, it is unlikely things will change for the upcoming school year.

## President's Report

Toni White

Tara - thank you for your ongoing work on all the Treasurer duties

Grants Committee - thank you for your thought and consideration regarding teacher grants

Thanks to all the parents who helped out at the classroom Valentines Day parties

Rita and Brooke for their hours planning and executing the Spring Book Fair

Thanks to Michelle Herbst for her planning on Original Works. Typically raises ~ \$2000;

½ goes to the art department

Amanda Cheese - Thanks for your work each month on the PTO newsletter

Sara Hentscher - Thank you for again taking the lead on the yearbook

Allen Hentscher - Thanks for maintaining and improving the [BCPTO.org](http://BCPTO.org) website

Art Show - April 27th **need volunteers** to hang artwork

Box Tops collection through the 24th

BC Skating Night Feb 28 6-8pm \$6 Children must be attended

Collection of PTO Volunteers - Start thinking about how to collect volunteers when registration goes online instead of paper

Fall Fundraiser - Start thinking about a change to the fall fundraiser due to BC's changing demographics, Ent. Book has run it's course, etc. We welcome alternative fundraising ideas.

Direct Letter option

- Establish levels of donation
- Incentive for donations by a certain date

## Secretary's Report

Jamie Rehmann

Approve January 10, 2017 Minutes

Tara Hartman motioned to approve; Karmen Gano seconded; motion carried

## Treasurer's Report

Tara Hartman

Approve Treasurer's report

Brian Hurley motioned to approve, Karmen Gano seconded; motion carried

- Box tops income applied
- Character T-shirts invoice paid = zero balance
- Yearbook funds still coming in; refunds being issued for those who duplicated orders
- Checking \$17,589.12
- Savings \$10,063.82

## Committee Reports

Spring Book Fair

Rita Holter, read by Jamie Rehmann

- Thank you, to everyone who has signed up to volunteer at the spring fair! There are still many volunteer opportunities available. The Sign-up Genius link is on the PTO Facebook page & PTO Website. (Thank you, Allen Hentscher!)
- Fair set-up is Friday, February 24th
- Student & staff only pre-views on Monday, February 27th (Brooke & I will be volunteers)
- Shopping Dates: February 28th – March 7th (9:00 am – end of school day/ conferences)
- Online Fair: February 27th – March 8th
- Teachers will receive \$25 gift certificates
- Toots kids will be getting \$10 gift certificates & \$10 certificates, 2 per grade, will be given for a marshmallow guessing game. (Thanks to Mrs. Mikles!)

Spring Fundraiser "Pod Racing...to the Furnish Line"

Brian Hurley

Thursday, April 27 (rain date May 4)

Post-race apples & water; will solicit Fareway, HyVee, Costco,

Popsicle party for the winning grade  
Friends of Beaver Creek - Terri Morgan  
Brian will be dressing as Chewbacca!  
Poster will show progress by grade level  
"Pod Racing...to the Furnish Line"

### **Unfinished Business**

none

### **New Business**

Teacher Grants

Grant committee met on February 10th to review submitted grants from teachers. They proposed granting dollars in the amount of \$3215.88

Sara Hentscher made a motion to approve the proposed amount; Karmen Gano seconded; motion carried.

Dollars will come from Fall Fundraiser and Fall Friends of BC and proceeds from skating parties. Proposed dollars beyond that will come from the checking surplus.

Half of the fall book fair funds (\$1100.00) is designated for Literacy

Will be used to purchase materials for 4 grade levels to focus on reading and writing (per Mr. Toot's recommendation)

Carolyn Miner: District advertised a movie screening: Beyond Measure

Highlighted initiatives around the country for different ways students learn

Mr. Toot's thoughts:

creative problem solving, hands-on, collaborative spaces

Portrait of a graduate is a JCSD project that seeks to identify and highlight the characteristics/qualities of a successful Johnston graduate

District is thinking about these things, for example, the secondary course handbook is being reworked. Computer applications requirement is going away; financial literacy requirement may replace

Effective communicator, articulate, manage your emotions, writing

Next movie will be on March 23rd: Race to Nowhere (student well-being focus)

### **Adjournment**

8:12p