

Beaver Creek Elementary  
PTO Meeting  
10/13/2015

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

### **Principal's Report**

**Mr. Toot**

(The following section contains Mr. Toot's notes.)

Certified enrollment for BC was 639 students, plus 106 preschoolers.

Fall Fitness Day-260 students walked or biked to school.

Initial fall assessments are done-MAP and FAST/aReader.

Our annual school-wide photo was taken last Thursday on the playground. Thanks to the Johnston Fire Department. Anne Smith developed the dragon track design. I am excited to see the proofs of the photo.

SINA school-SINA plan is almost complete and will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education by November 1. Three focus points-quality core, focused data review, professional learning related to grade level needs. Extra PD opportunities are available to BC because of SINA designation.

Progress reports have been updated over the summer to better align with our curriculum, especially in Language Arts. Kindergarten and first grade marks will be either Secure (S) for Developing (D) for each standard. Second through fifth grade marks will be on a three point scale. A three indicates meeting the standard, a two indicates progress is being made towards the standard and a one indicates that intensive time and support is needed with that standard. Teachers will be able to share more detail during Parent Teacher conferences, scheduled for November 12 and 17.

Safety drills-students have practiced and evacuation/fire drill and a shelter in place/tornado drill. We will be practicing a lock down drill before the end of October.

Upcoming events:

October 15 Picture retake day  
October 19 5<sup>th</sup> grade band concert 6:30 PM

October 19-23 Character Counts week-dress up days

October 19-23 National Red Ribbon Week

Monday: "Respect Yourself and be Drug Free!"

Wear RED!

Tuesday: "Set Healthy Goals!"

Dress as a Future Career!

Wednesday: "Harmful Drugs Will Mess Up your Mind"

Wear mismatched clothes!

Thursday: "Use Your Head-Make Healthy Decisions!"

Wear a hat!

Friday: "It's Up to YOU to be a Drug Free Dragon!"

Purple and gold day

October 29 Three hour early dismissal

October 30 No School-Professional Learning for Teachers

### **President's Report**

- Committee Chairs, please check the PTO box once a month
- Grant proposal
- Grade Level events
  - No sub committee was assembled
  - Will reach out to those interested & will table until November
- Fall Reading event
  - Thanksgiving weekend
  - December 12<sup>th</sup>
- New Family gathering
  - 5 new families (20-25 kids)
  - Michelle Herbst
  - Plans to get families together quarterly
  - Tentatively Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Star Wars movie night
- Spring Fundraiser Chair
  - Late April suggestion
  - Brian Hurley – Walk a thon
  - Mr. Toot will bring some suggestions to the next meeting
- Cultural Arts still needs a Chair
- Thank yous
  - Thank you to all of you that attended the 1st meeting of the year on Sept.8, we had over 20 in attendance!
  - Thank you to Michelle Herbst and New Family committee for a great first event on Sept. 17, 2015. We had over 5 new families come with their children and meet

each other, enjoy frozen treats and play some games in the lunchroom at Beaver Creek Elementary.

- Thank you to Terri Morgan, Ashley Brown and committee for getting the Box Tops competition off to a great start for the month of September and early October!
- Thank you to Shelley Kehoe and the Fall Fundraiser committee for working so diligently on a wonderful Fall fundraiser!
- Thank you to our PTO officers- Toni White, Jamie Rehmann, and Tara Hartman for everything you step up to do, I sincerely appreciate you.
- Thank you to Amanda Cheese for being always ahead of the game on the monthly newsletter and keeping us on track! I appreciate your willingness and time you put into such an important piece of communication!
- Thank you to Jamie Rehmann for pulling off an amazing Fall Picture Day and organizing all the volunteers!
- Thank you to Karmen Gano for signing up to be the Spring Picture Day chair, much appreciate your commitment!
- Thank you to Brian Hurley, Allen Hentscher, Angela Bowersox, Karmen Gano, and Jamie Rehmann for coming on the first PINK day to take fabulous photos of the kids to put on the PINK bulletin board!
- Thank you to Tracey Walker and Jamie Rehmann for putting together the new look for the BC Market sell sheet and to Allen Hentscher for putting up on our website for all to see and order from!
- Thank you to Brooke Israel and committee for organizing the first volunteer workshop on Sept. 24th, 2015.
- Thank you to Susan Bailey and the Homecoming committee for decorating Beaver Creek Elementary halls with Johnston cheer for Homecoming week!
- Thank you to Tara Hartman for getting the new treasurer program and getting it up and running!
- Thank you to Mr. Toot, Mrs. Joan and Mrs. Jane for your continued support.

### **Secretary's Report**

- September Meeting Minutes
  - Motioned to Approve – Shelley Kehoe
  - Seconded – Tracy Walker
  - Approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Report
  - Motioned to approve – Toni White
  - Second – Shelley Kehoe
  - Approved

### **Committee Reports**

Box tops (Terri Morgan)

- Race for Recess final week
- Reminders have been sent

- Ask Joan to include one in the Wednesday reminder email
- 9K last fall, 2.5K this fall
- Committee will brainstorm new ideas for next year

Fall Fundraiser - Entertainment Books

Shelley Kehoe

- Profit
  - \$7649 this year
  - \$10,600 last year
  - \$8200 in 2013
- Recommendations for future?
  - Continue selling EB

Volunteer Workshops

Brook Israel, read by Jamie Rehmman

- 2 volunteers in September; 1 in October

Book Fair

Rita Holter

- Monster Bookfair
- Set up on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Preview Day (Monday)
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>
- 8:30 – 8p on 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Teachers receive \$25 gift certificates
- \$620 of free books (gift certificates)

BC Market

Jamie Rehmman

- \$91.20 profit so far
- will set up display at conferences

Staff Appreciation

Toni White

- Custodians and bus drivers this month
- Birthdays
- Conference Dinner on the 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteer request will go out the week prior
- December Cookie Event
  - Will determine a date with Joan

Wish Lists

Joni Schrad

- Visited teachers to encourage them to keep up their wish lists
- Note in teacher's mailboxes with a list of suggested items that they can select and put back into the PTO mailbox

**Fall Grant Proposal**

**Kristy Houghton**

- Guided Book Room Proposal
  - Motion to approve – Joni Schrad
  - Seconded Terri Morgan
  - Approved

## **Grade-Level Events**

**Kristy Houghton**

- No sub committee was assembled
- Will reach out to those interested & will table until November
  - Motion to table until November meeting – Shelley Kehoe
  - Seconded Tracy Walker
  - Approved

## **New Business**

**Tracy Walker**

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration
  - Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Hidden Acres