



Beaver Creek PTO
May Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8th,
2018
Location: Beaver
Creek Elementary
Library

In attendance: Eric Toot, Carolyn Miner, Amanda Cheese, Sara Rose-Lahey, Nicole Rourke, Jennie Anderson, Lindsie Davenport, Kelly Snow, Kristina Sisha, Maggie Blanchard & Amy Brinker

Principal's Report – Mr. Eric Toot

It has been and will be very around here! Fine Arts night was great, as were the first and second grade concerts. The run/walk was a great day with perfect weather for the event. Our fifth graders had a great time at JA Biz Town, and this will continue to be an opportunity for future fifth grade classes. Roller skating was a hit! The storm trooper greeting students on May the Fourth was fun. There are several field trips coming up, along with our Senior Come Home day, Field Day/BBQ, year-end assembly and the fifth grade send off.

Just like every year, there will be some staffing changes for next 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 year. Mrs. Evans will move from Kindergarten to first grade, taking Ms. Mack's place. Mr. Loy will move up to fifth grade next year, teaching the fifth section if 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 teachers are leaving Beaver Creek at the end of the year. Heidi Hafner, an art teacher, has accepted an art teaching position at Summit Middle School. Work in underway to hire her replacement. Wendy Vanderport, a special education teacher, has resigned and Marisa Waldschmidt has been hired to replace her. Two associates are leaving the building next 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.

Volunteer policy and practices:

<https://www.johnstoncsd.org/departments/191-autosave-v1/volunteering-in-the-district/>
<https://bib.com/SECUREVOLUNTEER/JOHNSTON-COMMUNITY-SCHOOL-DISTRICT/>

Start of next year: Start of year items:

- Kindergarten Jump Start will take place on August 13 and 14.
- Back to school letters mailed on Friday, August 10, except Kindergarten, which will be mailed on Wednesday, August 15, after Kindergarten Jump Start.
- New family orientation on Wednesday, August 22 from 2:30 to 3:00

- Meet the teacher will be on Wednesday, August 22 from 3:00-4:30.
- The first day of school will be on Thursday, August 24.

President's Report – Carolyn Miner

Carolyn began by thanking everyone for attending the last meeting of the year and thanked the following people:

- Thank you to ALL the Beaver Creek families for their generosity throughout this school year!
- The money raised from PTO fundraisers, donations and by paying the \$5 PTO membership when you enroll your child for school helps support our teachers and students in a variety of ways including purchasing Dragon Folders, laminating film, funding the 5th Grade Celebration and Biz Town, as well as providing the conference meals to teachers and other staff appreciation events. It also helps keeps our outdoor garden looking beautiful.
- Through our Original Works fundraiser, we were able to give almost \$1,000 to the Art department for Art Supplies.
- The book fairs allowed for a \$803 Literacy Grant.
- The PTO was able to give \$1,000 to purchase roller skates for shared use amongst the elementary schools, saving the school each year on rental fees.
- Through \$300 of PTO funds we were able to give Johnston Strong T-Shirts to the Beaver Creek staff.
- We have given \$10,100 in teacher grants this year. This includes the, \$1,000 for a short read kit for 4th and 5th grades, \$234 to Mrs. Brinker for floor cushions and lapboards, \$846 to 3rd grade for OSMO supplies, \$632 to the P.E. department for a 4-way tug of war rope, 4 fun run mats and 4 bean bag toss games, \$470 to the Music department to purchase Purposeful Pathways, \$762 to the 4th grade for iPad keyboards, \$2,156 to the 1st grade to purchase classroom Leveled Libraries, and \$4,000 was given as a Back to School Grant distributed among all teachers.

Vice President's Report – Nicole Rourke

Nicole discussed where the PTO was at with 2018-2019 committee chairs. The only position we still need filled is the Spring Fundraiser chair. Every other position has been filled and are ready to start the new school year.

Secretary's Report – Amanda Cheese

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Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Nicole Rourke and Sara Rose-Lahey seconded it. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey

Checking balance: \$24,860.65

Savings balance: \$10,082.75

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Amanda Cheese and Nicole Rourke seconded it. Motion passed.

Beaver Creek Grant Recipients –

Mrs. Kelly Snow, 1st Grade Teacher

Kelly presented to the Beaver Creek PTO a sample of the items that were purchased with the teacher grant that she received this school year. The PTO donated \$4,000 to the 1st grade teachers for books to be used in the classrooms. The books start at a beginner reading level and go all the way up to a 4th grade reading level. The books are fiction and nonfiction. The company Mrs. Snow used to purchase the books was Pioneer Valley. Kelly also mentioned needing volunteers to help place stickers inside of the books.

Mrs. Amy Brinker, 3rd Grade Teacher

Amy presented to the Beaver Creek examples of the items that were purchased with the teacher grant that she received this school year. The PTO donated money to the 3rd grade teachers for OSMO accessories to be used in the classrooms. In addition to this, Mrs. Brinker asked for a personal donation of seat cushions and laptop boards for her classroom that the PTO teacher grant provided this school year.

PTO Committee Reports –

Spring Fundraiser – Carolyn Miner for Kristy Houghton

The Spring Fundraiser on April 19th was a huge success! We had great weather, no rain, and had great participation from all grade levels. There was an increase in the number of parents out for each grade to support their kids. We also had a full volunteer list for the day. Thank you to Carolyn and Joan S. for helping with the recruitment on sign up genius and leading the volunteers that day. Thank you to Nicole for doing the music and all the other PTO volunteers whom stepped up to help whenever needed, thank you to the staff - teachers that helped us as well- ie. Mrs. Rash, Mr. Quam, Charity, Mrs. Farrell, Mr. Toot.

Kristy will be sending out thank you notes to all involved this next week, including our sponsor Faraway. Lisha Viegel was gracious enough to be the photographer and gave us a zip drive for future use with all the photos for the yearbook, website and FB posts, and use for marketing for spring fundraiser next year.

Our total amount raised was \$7,694, our goal was \$12,500.

in the fall the goal was \$5,000, and we raised \$12,517.

goal for the year was \$10K, we raised \$20,211 this year so far in both fundraisers. I hope that everyone is pleased with this number this year.

As you all may know, we did everything new this year - and one of those ideas was using an online pledge system called Pledgestar. We received many detail numbers that will help us next year in determining what we can do better to raise more money for the school.

We had 94 participants or donors online, and 62 offline. There was \$4,695 raised online and \$2,999 raised offline. \$46.94 donation online average, and \$48.37 offline average. Some suggestions made by Pledgestar would be to utilize incentives for the kids - by class and by individual, make sure we are incentivizing them through sending online pledge requests via email, and many others. He mentioned that 50% of those that receive, and online donation request donate.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me with questions and thanks for your support of the Fundraising Committee.

Unfinished/Old Business -

Approval of 2018-2019 PTO Budget

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 PTO Budget by Carolyn Miner and Nicole Rourke seconded it. Motion passed.

Approval of 2018-2019 PTO Officers –

- Nicole Rourke – President
- Jennie Anderson – Vice President
- Sara Rose-Lahey – Treasurer
- Amanda Cheese - Secretary

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 PTO Officers by Lindsie Davenport and Eric Toot seconded it. Motion passed.

New Business -

2018 Spring Fundraiser Donations

Mr. Toot requested that the Beaver Creek PTO use the Spring Fundraiser donations to purchase more Pod furniture for the classrooms at Beaver Creek Elementary. Mr. Toot has asked for a budget total of \$10,000 to be allocated to this cause. Motion to approve the Spring fundraiser of \$10,000 by Carolyn Miner and Lindsie Davenport seconded it. Motion passed.

Adjournment -

Time 8:02pm

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