



Beaver Creek PTO  
September Meeting  
Minutes - Tuesday,  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Location: Beaver  
Creek Elementary  
Library

**In attendance:** Eric Toot, Amanda Cheese, Sara Rose-Lahey, Nicole Rourke, Jennie Anderson, Lindsey Kuntz, Nicole Hildebrand, Ariana Twitty, Rita Abdelnour, Tania Barbosa, Stacy Koenigs, Susie Jorgensen, Nick Gomez, Jodi Polich, Margaret Coles, Liz Neighbors, Jill Hockemeyer & Sheanell Heyliger.

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

Current enrollment: K-5 622 students, 40 students less than a year ago, and we are down one homeroom from a year ago.

K-	89
1 <sup>st</sup> -	98
2 <sup>nd</sup> -	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> -	99
4 <sup>th</sup> -	109
5 <sup>th</sup> -	132

These numbers include some students capped to us from other schools.

**New staff members:**

Teachers: Vanessa Kessel, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Janelle Madsen, 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Anna Witt, Art  
Marisa Waldschmidt, Special Education

Associates: Deb Culp, special education associate  
Lori Kness and building associate

**Teachers in new roles:**

Dan Loy-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Kelsey Evans-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Hayley Mack-Reading Support

**Start of year-first 20 days**

Drills to start the year

1:1 iPads coming in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, sometime in October

Looking forward to Homecoming Week

October 3 Author visit October 3 Ryan Higgins for K-2 students

October 3 Fall Fitness Day October 3

Screening assessments

FAST math-this week  
MAP for 5<sup>th</sup> graders-next week  
FAST literacy-first two weeks in October

New state testing this year, replacing the Iowa Assessments. It is called the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). It is brand new and will not be given until after Spring Break.

### **Special Guests –**

#### **Ms. Susie Jorgenson and Mr. Nick Gomez, School Teachers & Organizers of the Beaver Creek Student Council**

Ms. Jorgenson and Mr. Gomez came to the meeting to talk about the Beaver Creek Student Council program. The goal of the council is to help the members be engaged with activities and organizations within the school and the community. This program is currently open to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The students will fill out an application and go through an interview process to be accepted on the council. The council meets twice a month. The council will host various fundraisers throughout the year, one being with the Blanks Children's Hospital. The current student council members decorated the sidewalks in front of the school welcoming all students back. They also handed out pencils at "Meet the Teacher" and offered schools tours to all new families at Beaver Creek. Ms. Jorgenson and Mr. Gomez encouraged the PTO to reach out to the student council for future volunteer opportunities.

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

Nicole welcomed all attendees and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The Fall fundraiser letter will come home to students this week. September 18<sup>th</sup> is our kick off date. We are again doing a "direct ask" versus asking the students to sell something. This will go on for proximity 2 weeks. The Broken Arrow apparel raised \$94 for Beaver Creek. This was a pleasant surprise as we did not plan for this. Ryan T. Higgins, children's author will visit Beaver Creek on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Vice President's Report – Jennie Anderson**

Jennie talked about the new background check system that Beaver Creek has in place for all volunteers that enter the Beaver Creek building and or attend a school field trip. This is mandatory and will take place in all Johnston schools across the district. There will be plenty of opportunities for parents to volunteer in the upcoming month at Beaver Creek. The BC3 t-shirts will require some assistance at school for distribution to the students. We also need volunteers for the morning of October 3<sup>rd</sup> with the children's author visit at Beaver Creek.

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

May 2018 previous meeting minutes will be provided at the next meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> for approval.

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

Sara presented where our budget total ended in the 2017-2018 school year and where we are beginning in the new school year (2018-2019).

Checking balance: \$14,644.50

Savings balance: \$20,213.47

Motion to approve the report by Jennie Anderson and Stacy Koenigs seconded it.

Motion passed.

### **PTO Committee Reports –**

#### **Family Activities – Ariana Twitty**

Beaver Creek will have several Restaurant nights at various business this year to raise money for the school. The first one will happen on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Texas Roadhouse. A portion of the sales that evening will go back to Beaver Creek PTO. Future Restaurant nights will happen on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Chick-Fil-A and November 19<sup>th</sup> at Culver's. The committee is currently working with Mr. Quan to organize a Fall Festival for Beaver Creek. More details to come later. The committee is also looking at doing a Family event in February 2019.

#### **Staff Appreciation – Jill Hockemeyer**

In August, the committee hosted a "back to school" breakfast for all Beaver Creek staff. Panera Bread catered the event along with Johnston Catering. The committee will also organize a dinner for the teachers/staff during Fall Conferences on November 8<sup>th</sup>. In the month of December, the committee will once again organize a Cookie Walk for all staff to participate in. More details to come later.

#### **Homecoming – Amanda Cheese for Mackenzie Thompson**

Decorating the school for homecoming week at Beaver Creek will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm. All are welcome to help/attend.

Here are the themes for students/staff at Beaver Creek the week of Homecoming:

Monday- PJ Day- Make Monday great coming to school right from your bed

Tuesday- Season Day- dress for your favorite season, shorts for summer, boots for winter

Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday- wear wacky clothes, hair, socks, hats, just be wacky

Thursday- Book Character Day- Dress as your favorite character from your favorite book

Friday- Spirit Day- Show your Dragon Spirit

#### **Fall Book Fair – Tania Barbosa & Stacy Koenigs**

The Fall Book Fair theme this year will be: Enchanted Forest. Dates are still being worked out with the committee and school. The Beaver Creek teachers will once again receive a gift certificate to purchase books. Teachers will also have a preview to the book fair before it officially opens to the students/parents. Location will take place once again in the Art Plus Room at Beaver Creek. The committee is looking at different ways to engage the students to read more and will look at renting costumes through Scholastic Books.

#### **Unfinished Business -**

None at this time.

**New Business -**  
None at this time.

**Adjournment -**  
Time 8:07pm

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