



Beaver Creek PTO
November Meeting
Minutes - Tuesday,
November 13th, 2018
Location: Beaver
Creek Elementary
Library

In attendance: Eric Toot, Laura Kacer, Greg Dockum, Nicole Rourke, Jennie Anderson, Sara Rose-Lahey, Amanda Cheese, Lindsey Wisham, Jodi Polich, Liz Neighbors, Ariana Twitty, Jill Hockmeyer, Stacy Koenigs, Katie Talley.

Special Guest – Laura Kacer, Johnston Superintendent Intern

Thank you for inviting me to the meeting. Working on the teacher evaluation includes teachers and administrators working on this project. Just had our 2nd calendar committee meeting last night for the 2019-2020 calendar year. Lots of feedback coming in from various surveys. They anticipate the calendar being presented at the January 2019 school board meeting. Construction is starting on the baseball fields. Also working on the old Wallace elementary building and remodeling it to be the new administration building – tentative to be open by Summer 2019. This project is being re-bid out right now since the first bid was higher than anticipated. Student enrollment has declined by 17-18 students from previous years – this is the 1st time in many years that enrollment is declining. The school administration is working on finding out why this has happened. Lots of great questions and conversations with Laura and PTO members. Laura invited everyone to attend the next school board meeting.

Principal's Report – Mr. Eric Toot

Conferences are getting close to finished at BC. I believe a conference is still the best way to communicate about student progress. Big thanks for the PTO conference dinner on Thursday night, and thanks for the snacks that went along with the Book Fair preview.

We had a great respect assembly on October 31. Beaver tracks were turned in by students to be included in drawings at assemblies. There were drawings for student jobs during the assembly, including Principal for an Hour, Office helper, Art helper, music helper and PE helper. We also draw for preferred seating at each assembly. Our next assembly will focus on being thankful and will take place on November 20. There are Beaver Track drawings/votes to determine three staff members who will get a pie in the face. We plan to have an assembly most months to relate to BC3 expectations and gather as a school community to have fun. The Beaver Creek student council is helping plan and lead portions of our assemblies.

New newsletter format-coming out weekly.

Meals from the Heartland Mobile Hunger Fight took place on November 7.

Approximately 25,000 meals were packaged. Our fundraising goal of \$2600 was exceeded, and the overage will be donated to the Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community. This was our fourth year doing a Mobile Hunger Fight at BC.

Fourth and fifth graders will be receiving their new iPads this week. These will be brand new iPads, and our teachers have been participating in training on how to best utilize 1:1 iPads. These will stay at school, and students can start taking their iPads home in 6th grade when they go to Summit.

The 2019-20 school calendar is being drafted and discussed by a calendar committee. The calendar should be a discussion and action item at an upcoming school board meeting.

Our first concert of the year will be on Tuesday, December 4, and this is a combined 5th grade band/vocal concert.

Collaborative furniture has been ordered, and hopefully it will arrive soon. Thanks for the funding to make this possible.

Lots of background checks have been completed this fall, which is great. Our office will continue to remind potential volunteers to submit a request for a background check.

President's Report – Nicole Rourke

Nicole contacted the Timber Ridge PTO and talked to the fundraising committee chair about ideas. Timber Ridge raised over \$21,000 with their fundraising efforts this year. The school used a GoFundMe website to collect money – this is something we can consider for future fundraisers. For the remainder of the year, our next volunteer opportunities: our next restaurant night at Culver's, Cookie Walk volunteers, Winter Parties and many more.

Vice President's Report – Jennie Anderson

Thank you so much for the all volunteers! We have wonderful parents! Special thanks to Sara Rose-Lahey!

Secretary's Report – Amanda Cheese

- Motion to approve the October 2018 Meeting Minutes by Sara Rose-Lahey.
- 2nd by Lindsey Wisham - Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey

- Bank Checking Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$17,855.23 as of 10/31/18.
- Bank Savings Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$11,805.40 as of 10/31/18.

PTO Committee Reports:

Family Activities – Ariana Twitty

We are always looking for volunteers! Our restaurant nights have been very successful! Our next one is at Culver's on 86th Street in Urbandale on November 19th from 5p-8p. The December night will be at Pizza Ranch on 86th Street in Urbandale. We get 15% of sales back to PTO. Our next big event is on February 8th – Winter Meltdown from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Beaver Creek Gym. We will need lots of volunteers! There will be lots of food for sale, DJ spinning some great music, Glow items that students can purchase, photo booth, craft, etc. Ariana is looking into having BINGO for that night.

Fall Book Fair – Stacy Koenigs

Teacher preview has very successful – we provided fruit and coffee for the teachers that attended. There were 7 silver cord kids and 26 Beaver Creek volunteers helping with the fall fair. Current sales are over \$8,000.

Staff Appreciation – Jill Hockmeyer

We just had the staff dinner during parent conferences last week. It was very well received. The next event will be the Cookie Walk for our teachers and Beaver Creek staff. We will be sending out a request for cookies very soon.

Wish List - Lindsey Wisham

We will be pushing out notifications via our Facebook page and website on items needs for teacher classrooms. Special thank you to Amanda Cheese for fitting us in the newsletter this month.

Unfinished Business -

None at this time.

New Business -

None at this time.

Adjournment -

Time 8:19pm

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