



Beaver Creek PTO
December Meeting
Minutes - Tuesday,
December 11th, 2018
Location: Beaver
Creek Elementary
Library

In attendance: Eric Toot, Nicole Rourke, Jennie Anderson, Sara Rose-Lahey, Amanda Cheese, Ariana Twitty.

Principal's Report – Mr. Eric Toot

A great 5th grade band and vocal grade concert took place last Tuesday, December 4th. The next concert at Beaver Creek is on Tuesday, March 12th (3rd/4th vocal). The remaining vocal concerts will take place in April 2019 and the last band concert will be in May 2019.

Third grade is going to the Nutcracker this Friday at the Civic Center.

BC Showtime Incentive-BC3/PBIS.

Culminating event will be next week.

Families and staff members took over 120 Project Share cards from the BC office. This was a great response, as usual, from Beaver Creek families.

Hour of code in classes last week.

<http://hourofcode.com/us>

Winter parties are scheduled for Friday, December 21 at 2:40 pm.

School resumes on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019.

School calendar should be settled by the school board in January.

Kindergarten registration will be on-line this year. A link will be available in late January.

Registration renewals will be online again this year. If you have an incoming Kindergarten or know of a family with an incoming Kindergarten student, please call the BC office so we can get the name of the child.

The Iowa Assessments will no longer be administered to Iowa students, and a new state test is being developed. The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is being developed and will be given to students in grades three through eleven later this school year.

The ISASP will assess students in reading, language/writing, and mathematics. Fifth graders will also take a science assessment as part of the ISASP. More information will be shared with families as the April 2019 testing window draws closer.

President's Report – Nicole Rourke

Thank you to all the PTO volunteers! We couldn't do it all without you!

The sales from the Johnston Apparel sale received \$630 total. These funds will go directly back to the Beaver Creek PTO. Lots of activities coming up for Beaver Creek families to attend. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8th. We will have Zumba class immediately after the meeting here at Beaver Creek. Please join us for some fun with our own, Fabiola Carlin!

Vice President's Report – Jennie Anderson

Nothing new to report at this time.

Secretary's Report – Amanda Cheese

- Motion to approve the November 2018 Meeting Minutes by Ariana Twitty.
- 2nd by Sara Rose-Lahey - Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey

- Bank Checking Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$21,501.36 as of 11/30/18.
- Bank Savings Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$11,810.06 as of 11/30/18.

PTO Committee Reports:**Family Activities – Ariana Twitty**

The Culver's Restaurant Night was very successful. We collected a total of \$360 that will go directly back to the Beaver Creek PTO. Pizza Ranch (86th Street Urbandale location) will take place tomorrow night (Wednesday, December 12th). The January 2019 Restaurant night will take place on January 28th at Chipotle (Merle Hay location). The Winter Meltdown event committee will send out an email about volunteer opportunities very soon. The committee is working on securing a DJ for the event as well as looking for food donations.

Book Fair – Amanda Cheese for Stacy Koenigs

Thank you to all the volunteers, BCPTO members, and teachers who made the Fall book fair a success! We exceeded our goal of \$12,000 with a grand total of \$12,133.70. We used the gift certificates that we gave to the teachers and students as an "All for Books" cash bank which allows Beaver Creek to give back. Scholastic will match our \$1,686.55 that we collected for All for Books and donate that number of books to schools who lost their libraries to hurricane damage.

Our next step is to decide how to cash out with Scholastic.

- We get \$6,066.85 if we take it in Scholastic dollars (purchase items from their catalog) and this works only if their items will match our school's needs.
- Take all cash: we get \$3,033.43 Minus \$1,686.55 to cover gift card spending (Total cash: \$1,346.88)
- We take a split of Scholastic dollars and cash. This is what has been done in the past. My understanding is that we have previously taken the amount of money for gift certificates that we issue as Scholastic dollars to cover those book purchases and then the remainder in cash.

The invoice is due this week to Scholastic, so we need to decide what we would like to do. Further discussions will occur this week with Nicole and committee members.

Staff Appreciation – Amanda Cheese for Carolyn Miner

The committee is in need for more cookies for the Cookie Walk that will take place next week at Beaver Creek. Please spread the word! The sign up can be accessed through the Beaver Creek PTO Facebook page or the all school email that was sent via Miss Joan this week to parents.

5th Grade Celebration – Amanda Cheese for Kristy Houghton

The 5th grade celebration will be on May 29, 2018 at the JMS stadium. Details will be worked out in January – February 2019.

Wish List – Amanda Cheese for Nicole Riddle

Another email went out to our BC parents reminding them to visit the sign-up genius for the classroom's wish list. We will likely have another email sent early next week to cover any parents visiting during the Winter Parties in December.

Unfinished Business -

Nothing currently.

Old Business -

Nothing currently.

New Business -

2019 Teacher Grants – Sara Rose-Lahey

Sara discussed what the budgets look like for the teacher grants. Applications will start to come into the PTO in January 2019. The PTO committee will then review the applications in February 2019 and decide what to do.

Adjournment -

Time 8:21pm

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