



Beaver Creek PTO November Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Location: Beaver Creek Elementary Library

In Attendance: Jennie Anderson, Ariana Twitty, Alicia Huguelet, Nicole Rourke, Sara Rose-Lahey, Kenzie Thompson, Melissa Pope, Jenny Gatton, Heather Scholten, and Liz Neighbors.

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot (submitted in writing in advance of the meeting)

- Parent Teacher conferences will start on Thursday and last into next week at Beaver Creek. Big thanks for the PTO conference dinner on Thursday night, and also thanks for the snacks that went along with the Book Fair preview.
- Meals from the Heartland Mobile Hunger Fight took place on November 6. 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 fifth year doing a Mobile Hunger Fight at BC. We had lots of great parent volunteers and JHS students helping with the packaging event.
- We are awaiting the delivery of our new playground equipment. The hope is to get it installed yet this fall, but this early winter weather could have an impact.
- Our first 5th grade band concert of the year will be on Tuesday, December 3, starting at 6:30.
- Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) results from last year have been released and have been mailed to the parents of students who took the test in Johnston last year. The results are the baseline results, as it is a new assessment. Our teachers are taking a closer look at the results and what the data tells us. I will have more to share at the December meeting regarding Beaver Creek's ISASP results from last spring.
- Beaver Creek teachers had the chance to visit metro schools that are implementing the Leader in Me program on Friday morning, November 8. We are taking the steps to become a Leader in Me school and have a leadership committee working on the implementation. More information will be shared throughout the year as we move towards implementation.
- The 2020-21 school calendar has been approved by the school board and is available on the district website. The first day of school is Monday, August 24.
- Beaver Creek will be hosting the Pete the Cat – Wed, Jan. 22nd in the afternoon – it's a full day Wednesday which will work well for the presentation.

President's Report – Jennie Anderson

- *Newsletter update* – Joan sent the newsletter via email – originally planned to send it out as a hard copy but the way the Paper Post set up works it was too difficult to print it out.
- *PTO chairs update* – Nicole has stepped up to chair 5th Grade Celebration and Yearbook Committee. As a result she is no longer able to do the volunteer committee – so Jennie is taking that on. Jennie has been discussing this with Joan and she is happy to coordinate the outreach for this to parents who are on the daytime volunteer squad.

Secretary's Report – Alicia Huguelet

- **Motion to approve the October 2019 minutes as presented. Amend the spelling of one attendee's name. Sara motioned to approve. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- Alicia will not be able to be at the December meeting and need someone to take notes. Nicole Rourke offered to do this.

Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey

- Bank Checking Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$19,095.78 as of 10/31/19.
- Bank Savings Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$13,869.90 as of 10/31/19.
- Paypal Reconciliation Report – ending balance of \$0 as of 10/31/19 because it has all been transferred to the checking account.
- Restaurant night - \$918.97 year to date.
- Winter meltdown raised a little over \$360 which is great!
- Fall Fundraiser - \$9858 so we should be able to reach \$10,000
- Author Visit Funding Options – Mr. Toot will use \$600 of his discretionary funds – needs \$1,000 from the PTO.
- ***Motion to provide \$1,000 in PTO funds for a Pete the Cat author visit in January 2020. Nicole motioned to approve. Alicia seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

Committee Reports

- Family Activities (Ariana Twitty): Thanks to everyone who helped with the Almost Sleepover – it was a great success! Ended up with a good amount of prizes for the event, too. Skateland is December 17th and that's the next Family Night event. Planning for Winter Meltdown on Friday, January 24th. The DJ we used last year is not available – we could use silver cord students
- BCE Apparel (Jennie shared an update from Louise): A half sheet went out to all BCE students and people can order through the 18th at 6:00PM.
- 5th Grade Celebration and Yearbook (Nicole Rourke):
 - 5th grade celebration is getting started up – looking for a couple of people who are interested in working on this. Doing the initial legwork on pricing right now for various options. Date TBD.
 - Yearbook has decided on a cover – all the pictures are downloaded and starting to work on specific pages like Homecoming. Email is beavercreekelementaryyearbook@gmail.com. Doing the yearbook through Lifetouch.
- Fall Book Fair: It runs November 12-21 and they are doing well with volunteers – most shifts are filled, which is great.
- Staff Appreciation (Melissa Pope): Staff dinner on Thursday night of conferences – lots of great donations so we didn't have to purchase that much – pizza, salad, fruit/veggie trays, and drinks. Set up and tear down volunteers are all set. Next thing will be planning for Cookie Walk on December 18th and getting the sign-up genius going for that. Can also be an option to purchase cookies if people don't want to make them.
- Original Works (Heather Scholten): Kids have started the art projects and they have made initial contact with the Original Works staff.

Unfinished/Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was raised.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03.