



Beaver Creek PTO October Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Location: Beaver Creek Elementary Library

In Attendance: Jennie Anderson, Brooke Stewart, Ariana Twitty, Shearell Heyliger, Alicia Huguelet, Nicole Rourke, Mr. Toot, Tania Barbosa, Jodi Polich, Stacy Koenigs, Liz Neighbors, Sara Rose-Lahey, Jill Hockemeyer, Erin Hass, Kenzie Thompson, Louise Price, Rita Abdebour, Melissa Pope

Principal's Report – Mr. Toot

- Good first 30 days at school – lots of indoor recess with the rain!
- Working as a staff on some literacy instruction, enhancements to that, learning 7 Habits of Highly Effective People as prep for going into the Leader in Me curriculum, which is the kids version of this.
- 5K Run went great – fall weather is more predictable – also doubled as the annual fall / fitness day.
- BCE Student Leadership is hard at work – helped last night at Pizza Ranch, which was great.
- Girls on the Run is going – there was a waitlist this year.
- As of today, we have 602 students – about 20 students down from a year ago – up over 100 students in the school district.
- Next Tuesday night is a school board candidate forum – 4 open seats this year and 9 candidates vying for those seats. Open to the public – good chance to learn about the upcoming election in early November.
- Getting ready for the Annual Meals for the Heartland mobile hunger fight – will package roughly 48,000 meals – doing this on November 6th. Doing a coin fundraiser this week – next week adding a wrinkle where kids can vote for who is chosen to “kiss a pig”.
- Good news on the playground – equipment has been ordered and should arrive in early November and have found a contractor.
- A lot of projects going on around the building – getting new air conditioning units, exterior doors replaced, etc. District is able to make some capital investments and being forward thinking with maintenance and getting some of that done.

President's Report – Jennie Anderson

- September event/activity thank-you's
 - Student Leadership did a great job decorating for homecoming!!!
- Fall Fundraiser update/discussion
 - First year we've done a fall only ask and fall fun run – opportunities to incorporate the kids a little more.
 - As of right now, we have raised \$8,897 – does not include matches or recurring monthly donations – that's just what has actually come in so far. We are extending this through the end of the week. These funds can be used to provide teacher grants. Our goal was \$15,000.
 - We were competing with direct ask fundraisers at the other levels of schools at the same time.
 - Feedback/Ideas: It may have happened too fast because some parents are new and getting into the rhythm of things for the school year. Make the run the fundraiser because they family members might sponsor their kids (could pledge per lap) and we could also do a pep rally in the gym. Wallace invested money in booster-thon but they

take a big chunk out of your fundraising (like 60% of what you earn). There wasn't a committee for it this year so we need to figure that out next year. Overall, there is some giving fatigue and demographics in the community have changed that may be impacting how much families can give. Could incorporate that into the existing BC3 t-shirts or could just use a race bib sticker, or thin bracelets

- Newsletter/Instagram update – Toni White is going to take this over – going to do a seasonal newsletter – Fall, Winter, Spring – and will work with Meg Zierke to start using Instagram as well.
- Wish List items – Almost Sleepover Fall Event – going to ask for wish list items as an entrance fee here like wipes, Kleenex, etc.
- Committee meetings – can always have your meetings here after the full PTO meeting – just know that's an option.

Vice President's Report – Liz Neighbors

- No specific report this month.

Secretary's Report – Alicia Huguelet

- September 2019 minutes
 - Motion to approve the September 2019 Meeting Minutes by Ariana Twitty
 - 2nd by Brooke Stewart
 - Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Sara Rose-Lahey

- Bank Checking Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$11,463.33 as of 09/30/19.
- Bank Savings Account Reconciliation Report - ending balance of \$13,866.55 as of 09/30/19.
- Paypal Reconciliation Report – ending balance of \$5,959.75 as of 09/30/19.
- Start conversation about the author visit – Mr. Toot would be willing to use \$600 of his discretionary budget for this which would leave \$1200 left to fund. We have some time to decide this so we can wait until next month when we have a solid date.

Committee Reports

- Fall Book Fair – Tania Barbosa / Stacy Koenigs
 - Sign-up Genius is ready to go for the fall fair and should come out in the next couple of weeks.
 - Summer reading program is almost done – hoping to have boards to display the creative reading logs – we have a bunch of books that will be given to students depending on the amount that they read. Number of students that participated was a little bit lower this year. Think about a way to submit something online – Scholastic has a summer reading program where you register a school but it's not clear that you can track by individual kid for that.
- Family Activities – Ariana Twitty / Jodi Polich
 - **October 25th – 6:30-9:00 (Movie will start at 7)**
 - Almost Sleepover Fall Event is coming together nicely – flyers will go out this week – Toni made them and Sign-Up Genius is going out. Popcorn bar and need volunteers to run that – have secured food and drink donations. Sara volunteered to do the craft and Nicole will be doing the decorations.
 - Pizza Ranch was a huge success! Raised \$425. Two left in 2019 – Health House on Tues, 11/5 from 5-8PM and Skateland on Tues, 12/3 from 5-8PM.
- BCE Apparel – Louise Price

- Apparel sale earlier this year – made \$654.79 – check should be coming for this. Do we want to do some type of winter sale?

Unfinished/Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business*

- Ariana raised the idea of doing a PTO Squad t-shirt and it would be \$18 for the t-shirt and reach out to Ariana to place your order. Deadline is this Friday, October 11th.

Adjournment

Time 8:08pm