

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2013
6:30 pm

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Secretary Report
 - a. December Minutes: Motion to approve them- Ebony Nebel and seconded by Traci Sweeney.
- 3) Treasurer Report
 - a. Budget
 - i. December growl pizza party was paid
 - ii. Laminate was ordered- total cost was \$385.95- which was taken from Student and Staff "other" funds
 - b. Submittal of request for fund/reimbursement- Nothing new
- 4) Principal Report- No news (Mrs. Bennington is still out)
- 5) Teacher Report
 - a. Gotcha Growls are now being given out- these are growls that an entire class earns as a group. This has been going really well to encourage all-class positive behavior!
 - b. Map testing still going on and going well
- 6) Vice President- Not present
- 7) Committee Reports
 - a. Fund Raising
 - i. Smashburger fundraiser is tomorrow- Tuesday 1/15. Note: you CANNOT pass out fliers on the premises of Smashburger. The link for the flier is online. You MUST have your flier handy.
 - ii. Next fundraiser is Feb 18th at Buffalo Wild Wings from 5-9pm. This info will be posted online.
 - b. Box Tops
 - i. We just received our check from the October Box Top collection. The check totaled \$1999.73!!!! Thanks for all the hard work collecting!!!
 - c. Carnival
 - i. All planning meetings are set – dates are: 1/16, 2/6, 3/6 and 4/3. A signup genius was sent out asking for committee members as well as carnival volunteers, but appears many people did not receive them. Ebony will resent

them. Committee meetings will be posted on the website. If you are interested in being on the committee, please join us for the meetings!

- d. Hospitality-
 - i. Staff- teacher breakfast coming up on Wednesday 1/16
 - ii. Student- N/A
- e. Labels for Education
 - i. First order was submitted and was used (as agreed upon) to provide equipment for the PE teachers: They received 12 basketballs, 12 Nerf footballs and 36 jump ropes!
 - ii. Another “Labels for Education” collection will be coming soon!
- f. Room Parent Coordinator- N/A
- g. School Directory- N/A
- h. Spirit Wear- N/A
- i. Supply Kits-N/A
- j. Un-raiser- Nothing new
- k. Volunteer Coordinator

8) Old Business

- a. My Coke rewards – over 500 points were donated since we got the information out online. Keep those donations coming! Aslihan Spaulding can enter your coke caps if prefer not to sign up and do this yourself.
- b. Don’t forget the Target Redcard- our account is over \$200 now!

9) New Business

- a. Mary Aper (Student Council Head) came in to talk with us about spirit rings and spirit sticks. These are a student council fundraiser and student council has asked PTO to purchase class sets of the “Leader in Me” sticks for all the teachers (this would be enough to give one stick to each student in the school). These relate to the seven habits that we are working on the students with and these compliment the mission of Benjamin. Cost for the Class set for teachers (will give each child a spirit stick) is \$235 + \$10 shipping

- b. Other spirit sticks will be available for purchase each month for \$1.00 each – the money will be used for student council projects (last year they planted a tree). To see more information about available spirit sticks, check out www.spiritmonkey.com
- c. **Voting discussion:** there are extra funds available in the budget because the directory funds did not use its full allocation the hospitality group not using as much money as they originally budgeted, and the Box Tops drive appears it will bring in far more than we budgeted for.
- d. Zac Pershall made motion to allow up to \$275 for student council to purchase class sets (we allocated more than they originally asked for to account for the fact that some classes have more children than the spirit stick class set can accommodate (28 students). Aslihan Spaulding seconded the motion. All were in favor with this caveat: This is a one year donation for the spirit sticks. Requests for the class sets in future years would need to be evaluated at that time. We also want someone from student council to report to PTO what they do with the proceeds from the fundraiser. Finally, PTO retains rights to sell its own spirit sticks if the opportunity presents itself.
- e. Facebook page for Benjamin Elementary PTO- Zac Pershall will research whether we can do this.

10) Adjourn- all were in favor of adjourning!

Next PTO Meeting: February 11th at 6:30 pm. Bring a friend!