

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012

6:30 pm

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Secretary Report
 - a. Minutes for November approved by Carrie Baumann
- 3) Treasurer
 - a. Growl pizza party, balls purchased for playground, Lexia computer program were reimbursed
 - b. Deposited money for Spirit Wear
- 4) Principal
 - a. Enrollment is 712-715; largest elementary school in the district, larger than Chiddix and almost larger than Evans Junior high.
 - b. Redistricting meetings are beginning- Karen Creasey is Benjamin representative and Shana Avery is Evans representative.
 - c. When Benjamin opened we were at 568 – we don't know exactly what number we'll be at after redistricting, but we need to account for future growth at the Grove at Kickapoo subdivision
 - d. Decision to take to the board will hopefully be made by March
 - e. Thanks for the late start breakfasts!!!
 - f. Candy gram sales til Thursday December 13th
 - g. Spirit Days next week!
 - h. Dr. Niehaus will be visiting Tuesday, December 18th
 - i. 2 full weeks break for holidays- Friday December 21st is the last day before Winter Break
 - j. Marlys will be gone the first two weeks back from winter break
 - i. Darrin Cooper will be acting principal for first week of her absence
 - ii. Sarah Edwards will be acting principal for the second week of her absence
 - k. No school January 21st, Martin Luther King today
- 5) President Report
 - a. Jennifer attended District Superintendent meeting today. Highlights:
 - i. Unit 5 growing faster than ever
 - ii. Most of that growth is coming from the East Side of Bloomington
 - iii. Need a new high school by 2017 and a new elementary school by 2015
 - iv. Digital conversation- going pretty well, lots of lessons learned, next year the goal is to have all of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade using some sort of technology
 - v. Transportation: better this year than last

- vi. All high school students cell phone number are in Skyward. From now on, any mass communications (in case of emergency) will be contacting all high school students to ensure consistent communication
 - vii. Two way communication system being improved in each school – this will allow more communication within and between schools
 - viii. Working with Heartland Community College to get college credit for courses that high school students take. These would not be AP classes, but classes that anyone could take.
- 6) Teacher Report
- a. Lexia is up and running and being utilized ALL day
 - b. Popcorn Machine is up and running and the kids are loving it! Sign-up sheet was created and teachers are checking it out!
- 7) Box Tops-No news
- 8) Carnival- getting organized- first meeting will be occurring soon
- 9) Hospitality- Late Start breakfast coming up
- 10) Labels For Education/Unraiser
- a. Couple new donations for Unraiser
 - b. Labels for Education: Barbara will email PE teachers with the Labels Catalogue and let them choose what they'd like to order with the Labels for Education points
- 11) School Directory- this was sent electronically to families
- 12) Spiritwear delivered today or tomorrow to children! We made \$355 off this Spiritwear order.
Thanks to everyone who purchased Spiritwear!
- 13) Supply Kits- agreement was signed for Supply Kits earlier this year, agreement was just signed for Assignment Notebooks for next year
- 14) Volunteer coordinator- not present
- 15) Old Business- N/A
- 16) New Business-
- a. Mrs. Lovin would like more lamination film – this money can be taken out of Staff and Student Support- "Other" funds
 - i. Motion to approve budget for lamination film up to \$600 (\$300 for each
 - 1. Carrie Baumann motion
 - 2. Jennifer Mroz seconded
 - 3. All were in favor!

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Monday, January 14th 2013