

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2015

6:30 pm

- Welcome- President
- Secretary Report
 - December minutes approval
 - i. Motion to approve
- Treasurer Report
 - Deposit for Spirit wear
 - Paid Scholastic subscription
- Principal Report
 - Enrollment at 586
 - Yearbook pictures rescheduled, but no new date set yet
 - Spirit day pictures are up in the cases and online
 - Almost done with the MAP makeup tests
 - Had a presentation during the Institute day about the new PARCC test taking the place of the ISAT test.
 - i. All online
 - ii. Requires the students to have to navigate and takes some getting used to. Will be working with the students so that they can focus on the test and not the interface.
 - iii. Practice tests are available.
 - iv. 3rd grade - Jr High will take the tests in March and in late April.
 - v. In the future, the test will likely be three times of year.
 - vi. This year is a baseline and more about gathering data.
 - Business Bears
 - All items must be turned in on the 21st
 - Sales will be on January 23rd.
 - Chess club won some trophies recently
 - Chorus is starting back up. New students can join if they didn't participate in the 1st semester
 - Mrs. Sewell took her last chemo treatment is hopeful to be back soon.
 - A survey is going to be posted on Facebook for students and parents that we would like our community to take.
 - Kindergarten registration on March 17th. Students should come with parents.
 - 9:30 or 1:30 - It is a presentation, so please be prompt.
- Teacher Report
 - In the future, we'll work towards getting dates for the Art Fair and the Barnes and Noble night on the website rather than wait for PTO meetings.
- Vice President/Dine to Donate

- Rosati's Dine and Donate - Thursday, January 15th
 - i. 15% of all purchases all day, eat-in, carry-out, or delivery
 - ii. On-going purchases will also apply if you mention you're ordering in support of Benjamin
- Rosati's Reading program information coming home soon where the kids will be able to make their own small pizza.
- Committee Reports
 - Box Tops- Kiersten Douglass
 - i. Rally upcoming late January/early February
 - ii. Celebratory recess is going to be held, but we need volunteers. Please contact Kiersten if you're able to volunteer.
 - Carnival- Erika Hunt
 - i. About two months to go
 - ii. Meeting January 28th @ Scribbles - everyone is invited
 - iii. Requesting that \$100 donated to raffle
 - 1. Motion by Kiersten Douglass
 - a. Seconded by Shanna Phillips
 - iv. Big push for baskets going on. Information should be going into the newsletter looking for donations.
 - v. Reminders will be going out very soon for each class (or perhaps grade) to create baskets.
 - vi. Pushing for pre-order sales by publishing information about the event, baskets, and general information.
 - vii. T-Shirt design contest is going to be announced but time constraints is going to be huge.
 - 1. Looking for help communicating to the students.
 - 2. 5th graders will be judging.
 - viii. Student Council will coordinate Spirit Week around the theme
 - ix. We will be selling Spirit Sticks this year.
 - x. To try to counteract the long lines, we're hiring additional vendors to hopefully address that.
 - xi. Zoo Lady will be doing non-scary halloween-type makeup and a hairdresser will be doing "Zombie Hair"
 - xii. Looking to maybe look at doing a "take-off" of the Pie-in-the-Face, with Slime.
 - xiii. Exploring the idea of a Paranormal Scientist coming and validating that Benjamin is not haunted.
 - Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
 - i. Late Start Breakfast on Wednesday, January 14th
 - ii. Super Bowl lunch - likely first week of February
 - 1. Jason's Deli - Soup and Baked Potato Bar
 - iii. PARCC snacks
 - 1. A letter home asking the kids to bring an extra snack on testing days.

- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
- My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
 - i. Shanna will work with Mrs. Bennington on the lists.
- Tyson A+- Aslihan Spaulding
 - i. Should we remove this?
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Margaret Heger
 - i. Sign-up geniuses are going out soon for the Carnival and the Art Show
- Old Business
 - Soccer goal decisions
 - i. Stephanie Checchi shared information on goals options
 - ii. Looking to possibly approve \$4000 to provide soccer goals.
 - Laptop purchases
 - i. Looking to possibly by a cart full of devices.
 - ii. Not necessarily tied to laptops, but would prefer them to netbooks.
 - iii. Tablets (e.g. iPads) could be an option as well.
 - iv. Mrs. Bennington will reach out to the district to discuss options.
- New Business
 - Snowblower - Mr. Bosquez put in a request for acquisitioning a two-stage snowthrower
 - i. A commercial snowthrower has been made available by Mr. Delveaux for \$550 w/ a 1-year warranty for \$550.
 - 1. Motion by Shanna Phillips to purchase
- Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn by Mandy Fischer
 - i. Seconded by Zachary Perschall

Next PTO Meeting: January 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm

In loving memory of Elaine Fitzgerald