

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

5/13/2013

6:30 pm

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Secretary Report
 - a. Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve – Carrie Bauman; seconded – Shanna Phillips
 1. Minutes approved
- 3) Treasurer Report
 - a. Budget
 - i. ELL Teachers were provided checks
 - ii. Field day checks were distributed
 - iii. All Carnival expenses have been submitted
 - iv. Carnival Deposit – \$8,604 income
 - v. Potbelly's check received
 - vi. Box tops check received
 - b. Submittal of request for funds/reimbursement
- 4) Principal Report
 - a. Thanks for the appreciation week last week. It was much appreciated. ☺
 - b. Concerts
 - i. Thursday – 2nd at 5:30; 3rd at 6:30; chorus at 7:30
 - ii. Monday 20th – 5th grade at 5:30; 6th grade at 6:30
 - iii. Usually the concerts are spread out, but they weren't able to this year. Some of the Evans parents had concerns with concerts happening on the same evening, so effort will be made to avoid that as much as possible in the future.
 - iv. Chorus sang at the Cornbelters game last week. Only group to sing, but many Unit 5 students attended, as well as from other districts.
 - c. Trees planted by ISU group are much appreciated.
 - d. Talent show is on May 24th
 - e. PBIS events
 - i. Extra recess on Wednesday and Freezer pops on the 22nd.
 - ii. Behavior reports have gone down, so good direction.
 - f. Band recruitment is currently on-going.
 - g. School Improvement Day on the last day won't be 1 hour for students next year. State changes require the students to be here for 3 hours. Teachers present the rest of the day.
 - h. Registration is on Monday August 5th from 3-7pm.
 - i. Ms. Hatfield married and will now be known as Mrs. Gordon
 - j. Ms. Thomas is getting married and will be known as Mrs. Wall after June.

- k. Mrs. Sewell wrote grants for Beyond the Books that were presented last week. Over \$2500 received, which is excellent news!
- 5) Teacher Report
 - a. Appreciate all of the thoughtfulness and contributions during the appreciation week.
 - b. Mrs. Mroz shared photos of the teachers and staff participating in the activities.
 - c. Young Authors were transferred into puppet shows and went over well. Hopefully it will inspire more activity next year.
- 6) Vice President
 - a. Not present
- 7) Committee Reports
 - a. Dine and Donate
 - i. May 28th 4pm-10pm – CherryBerry. No flier, but you have to mention it.
 - ii. We are currently \$475+ over our target. Awesome!
 - b. Box Tops
 - i. Check came in 1014.69
 - c. Carnival
 - i. Carnival attendance was great
 - ii. People enjoyed Avanti's
 - iii. Suggesting different options to try and prevent line-budging and generating more income.
 - d. Hospitality
 - i. Staff
 - 1. Coffee Bar every morning. Gave coffee cups with a biscottis
 - 2. Wednesday was a late start breakfast/wedding shower
 - 3. Thursday was massages
 - 4. Gave Mrs. Bennington an Edible Arrangement
 - 5. Supervisors and the nurse given Pineapple treats
 - 6. Secretaries got gift cards to Olive Garden and parents covered the office so they could have an extended lunch.
 - ii. Student
 - e. Labels for Education
 - i. In a collection period currently, ending May 24th.
 - f. Room Parent Coordinator – No update
 - g. School Directory – No update
 - h. Spirit Wear – No update
 - i. Supply Kits
 - i. Not sure if we will do them beyond this next year.
 - ii. Distributed the afternoon of Registration day (August 5th)
 - j. Un-Raiser
 - i. Two new payments came in.
 - k. Volunteer Coordinator
 - i. Margaret Hager is taking over for Wendy. Contact her if you want more information on volunteering.

8) Old Business

- a. Long Term Fund Survey Results
 - i. Zach Perschall presented the survey findings
 - ii. Lot of responses from the students, but wasn't able to get a lot of Parent responses.
 - iii. May look to push the survey to Parents again or an updated version to gain visibility
 - iv. Talk to Mr. Delveaux about understanding the cost and viability of addressing the grassy field and maybe looking at other alternatives as well.
 - v. Motion made to for a committee for Playground field improvements from Barb Johnson; Seconded by Shanna Phillips; Motion passed
 - vi. Committee formed for Playground Field Improvements – Shanna Phillips chair
- b. Online Subscriptions – Mrs. Mroz
 - i. Current subscription information and expirations
 - 1. Learning A to Z – October 1st;
 - 2. Brainpop probably around the same time (October 1st).
 - 3. Lexia – expires July 31st ; \$690 – 10 licenses for a year (K-2nd)
 - ii. No action was taken to extend or acquire any licenses at this time.
- c. Meetings next year
 - i. August 12
 - ii. September 9th
 - iii. October 7th (1st Monday of the Month)
 - iv. November 11th
 - v. December 9th
 - vi. January 13th
 - vii. Feb 10th
 - viii. March 10th
 - ix. April 14th
 - x. May 12th
- d. Carnival
 - i. April 11th 5-8pm
- e. Books
 - i. District purchased \$20,000 of books and they are beginning to trickle in.

9) New Business

- a. Presentation of committee chairs
 - i. Ebony will help with Staff Hospitality
 - ii. Stacy Herren for Unraiser
 - iii. Playground Field Improvements – Shanna Phillips; Barb Johnson; Stacy Herren; Ebony Nebel (co-chairs)
- b. Yearbooks
 - i. When are they coming? Sometime before the end of the year, but no specific date.

- c. Citizen Advisory Council
 - i. Ebony Nebel volunteered to serve as Benjamin's rep.
 - d. Thanking of retiring officers
 - e. Welcoming of new officers for 2013-2014
- 10) Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Shanna Phillips; Seconded by Zachary Perschall

Next PTO Meeting: 08/12/13 at 6:30 pm