

Benjamin PTO Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 7, 2017  
6:30 pm - IMC

Welcome – President

Secretary Report

May minutes approval – Angela Redinbo motion to approve / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trish Fela

Treasurer Report

New reimbursement processes/payment options

- Reimbursement and Deposit sheet must be turned in
- Electronic payments – going to try it this year, will still have checks
- Checks and balances for current 2017-2018
- Filed taxes
- Summer audit went really well
- Bumped up operating reserve

Principle Report

- 568 students enrolled currently
- New staff members – LBS1 – Mrs. Alli Nord
- Kindergarten – Ms. Tracy Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Alesha Angsten
- Nurse – Mrs. Karen Reichard
- Ms. Piercy moved to Jr. High
- Mrs. Gerike is moving to 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Ms. Kristen Hammer – Teaching Assistant
- Ms. LeAnn Blachowicz – Subbing for Mr. Delveaux
- 14<sup>th</sup> back to school night 6pm – 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> First Day of school
- Picture day is August 31st
- Curriculum Night – Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> – Parents Only - two sessions 6:00 or 6:30. 7pm Standards Based Grading presentation in the gym
- Lockdown and Evacuation Drill - Eastview – Sept 7
- Eclipse Glasses have been ordered from a grant. A permission slip will be sent home for parents to give permission for a child to participate.
- Kindergarten - district has done a lot of research on this and purposeful play will be implemented this year for 45 minutes a day. This is different than free play, and teachers will be teaching specific skills to utilize and practice during purposeful play. Teachers will be assessing these skills and conferencing with students to help them grow in various ways.
- All District Websites will be getting a makeover around Labor Day. Websites will still be provided through School Wires.

Teacher Report

#### Vice President/Dine to Donate

- Working on Subway one for the end of the month
- Scheduled one Chick-fil-a Tuesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Committee Reports

- Box Tops – Angela Bailey/Sheri Honzel
  - Oct Drive Date
- Carnival – Dan Fischer
  - Carnival Date will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018
  - Two main needs – Game Chair and Baskets Co-Chair
- Hospitality – Amanda Esparza
  - Back to school luncheon – Moe's on the 14<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to School with Moe's!
- Amazon Smile – Aslihan Spaulding
  - New to us, will be sure and promote it on the website
- Room Parent Coordinator – Trisha Oyler
  - New Form for Teachers Favorite things
  - Signup Genius signups will be sent out to families to sign up for room parents and for party sign ups
- School Directory – Kristen Legner
  - Getting started on the school directory
  - Going to ask about the checkbox when registering in Skyward
- Spirit Wear – Angela Redinbo
  - Not using Meltdown moving forward
  - Been researching other companies this summer
- Supply Kits – Shanna Phillips/Marla Call
  - Went well, couple of missing items, but it went great with NCHS
  - Love the relationship
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> – Assignment Note Book purchases
- Un-Raiser – Stacy Herren
  - Stacy needs a shadow ideally asap so they can handle next year
- Volunteer Coordinator – April Steigerwald
  - Working on things
  - Looking at first needs – pictures, pack envelopes, sort envelopes
- Grounds Committee – Dan Fischer
  - Work in progress
  - A lot of work last fall – major of items have survived – yay!
  - May need a volunteer for watering
  - Seeding and plowing of fields happened
  - Deep plowing and seeding will be happening later this fall
- Old Business
  - Status on iPad purchases – 14 iPads with cases – traveling sets
  - Long-term planning – committee needed
    - September – call out for a committee
    - Benjamin Community – research on items

- Fundraising – short term and long term fundraising items
- New Business
  - Purchase of a bike rack – 1 bike rack currently; 1 bike rack costs approximately \$1,000
    - Angela Bailey looking into information for possible donation
  - Bus schedules – middle school buses – change and consolidate buses
  - Mrs. Fish is asking for Scholastics reader subscription - \$181.00 / Going to take it back to other teachers to see if they would also use it.
- Motion to adjourn – Trish Fela 1<sup>st</sup> / Angela Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sept 11 at 6:30 next meeting