

## Benjamin PTO Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2016

6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome – President
- School board candidate information
  - 6 individuals running
  - One person provided information to the group tonight – Taunia Leffler
- Secretary Report
  - February minutes approval
  - Shanna motioned, Amanda E 2nd
- Treasurer Report
  - February Financials**
    - Income of \$15,129.30 from the following categories:**
      - Carnival
      - Box Tops
      - Dine-Around
      - Good Neighbor Grant
      - Supply Kits
      - Spirit Wear
    - Expenses of \$2,816.76 from the following categories:**
      - Staff Support
      - Student Support
      - Fundraising Expenses
  - March Financial (to date)**
    - Income of \$7,957.00 from the following categories:**
      - Carnival
    - Expenses of \$9,114.63 from the following categories:**
      - Carnival
      - Student Support
      - Staff Support
- Principal Report
  - Thank you for carnival! It was amazing! The new games and different inflatables were a big hit!
  - Thank you for PTO Late Start breakfast!
  - Art Show – great event!! The proceeds will go to the Benjamin art program and the Back to School Alliance. A little over \$800 was donated to the Back to School Alliance!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Beyond the Books Celebration– Mrs. Aper had a display to show some of the resources she has been able to purchase over the years with grant money. This

past year, Benjamin was awarded many grants. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Cupcake Wars was one of the grants awarded to us. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers partnered with Sugar Mama. They are giving 10% of sales of StrawBeary Lemonade Cupcakes during March back to Benjamin! We were also awarded grants for other science and social studies learning opportunities throughout the grades.

- Kindergarten registration is March 14. Two sessions will be held. One in the morning (8:30 am) and one in the afternoon (1:00 pm).
- State Chess tournament went well! Our students did a great job, and we were awarded several trophies. Wow!!
- Robotics is in full swing.
- PARC testing going on during March and April
- MAP testing will take place at the end of April and first two weeks of May. This is a great way for us to monitor student growth and mastery of skills. It provides us with consistent information about student progress three times each year, and growth can be reviewed from year to year.
- Spring Break will be March 27 – 31.
- April 14 (Board Holiday) and April 17 (School Improvement Day) No School
- Monday, May 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will visit Evans Jr. High
- April 25 from 6pm to 7pm – Evans 5<sup>th</sup> (to 6<sup>th</sup>) Grade Student and Parent Orientation
  
- Teacher Report
  - Soccer goal wheels – cost
    - \$1200
  - Thanks for carnival and breakfast
  
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
  - Hy-Vee - \$30
  - Dec – Papa John's \$91.41
  - Mrs. Ghrist's class won the free pizza party.
  - \$1573.80 – Aug – Feb Dine to Donate!!
  - April 11<sup>th</sup> – Subway / Ireland Grove Rd
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> – Blaze Pizza
  
- Committee Reports
  - Box Tops - Angela Bailey/Sheri Honzel
    - Feb. submission – notification \$420.20
  - Carnival - Erika Hunt/Dan Fischer/Trisha Oyler
    - Need a Games Chair for next year
    - Need a Co-Chair for Basket Raffle for next year
  - Hospitality - Amanda Esparza
    - Late start – Jason Deli – breakfast
    - Staff appreciation week – May 8 – 12

- My Coke Rewards - Aslihan Spaulding
- Room Parent Coordinator - Trisha Oyler
  - Staff appreciation week – May 8 - 12
- School Directory - Kristen Legner
- Spirit Wear - Angela Redinbo
  - Forms will come home this week
  - Forms will go home with Kindergarten registration
- Supply Kits - Shanna Phillips
  - Order forms are in the office
  - Marla Call is co-chair
  - 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade assignment note book include
- Un-Raiser - Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator - Traci Sweeney
  - Art Fair
  - Spring pictures volunteers – Thursday, April 13th
- Grounds Committee – Dan Fischer
- Old Business
  - Google Form
  - Long-term planning –
    - Timeline development
- New Business
  - Benjamin Sign – ISU class drawing landscape plans
  - Popcorn status??
- Adjourn Meeting – Motion - Traci Sweeny Motioned and Dan Fischer 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Next PTO Meeting: April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm