

## Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, December 8th, 2014

6:30 pm

- Welcome- President
- Secretary Report
  - November Minutes approval
    - i. Motion to approve – Erika Hunt
      - 1. Seconded - Juli Eardley
  - CAC update
    - i. Held at Brigham Elementary in November
    - ii. Presentation was given on Special Education Services that Unit 5 offers.
    - iii. Dr. Daniel gave an update
      - 1. SB16 – currently dead, but could be revived.
        - a. Dr. Daniel would like to see more focus on “adequate funding” instead of the proposed solution.
        - b. Mentioned that other school districts in the state have bluntly said that if SB16 was passed, they will be ceasing their Music and Art programs to accommodate the budget changes.
      - 2. Collaboration of School Districts in McLean County
        - a. Helping to build the argument for why companies should come to McLean County.
- Treasurer Report
  - Paid:
    - i. Indoor resource container
    - ii. PebbleGo
    - iii. Treats for kids for the boxtop drive
    - iv. Rusty
    - v. Teacher Chart Paper
    - vi. Hospitality late start coffee and luncheon
    - vii. Aeration
  - Request from Mrs. Scott to pay for Scholastic News (~\$42)
    - i. Motion for payment by Erika Hunt
      - 1. Seconded – Juli Eardley
- Principal Report
  - Enrollment at 585
  - A parent passed away last week (Elaine Fitzgerald)
    - i. Teachers and staff were very creative in recognizing the parent’s passing.
  - Congratulate **Angie Guo** (4<sup>th</sup> grade - piano) received a notable music scholarship that will be presented at the Unit 5 Board Meeting

- Map testing currently going on.
- Spirit week is next week.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Classroom party @ 2:30
- December 18<sup>th</sup> evening – Chorus and Kindergarten concerts
- Chorus sang at ISU and was very well received
- School resumes on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Entrepreneur club presented ideas last week.
  - i. Very interesting ideas. Will let them know whom was accepted.
  - ii. Business Bears will sell their products before school on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:25-8:40.
- Candy grams available this week.
- Teacher Report
  - Very happy for the easel pads from the teachers.
  - Thank you for renewing PebbleGo from Jen Mroz.
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
  - January 15<sup>th</sup> – Rosati's – 10% back of the sale
    - i. Bloomington location.
    - ii. No flier, just mention that you're with Benjamin. Online doesn't work.
    - iii. Actually will kick back 10% all year if you mention Benjamin.
    - iv. Starting a new reading program where if kids read 4 books, they can get a coupon that allows them to make their own 8" cheese pizza.
- Committee Reports
  - Box Tops- Kiersten Douglass
  - Carnival- Erika Hunt
    - i. Working on reconvening the committee in January
    - ii. Put a survey in the past newsletter/email.
      - 1. Survey for Teachers and Staff
      - 2. Survey for Students
    - iii. Is there a form that can be provided as a tax receipt for people that donate baskets for the carnival?
      - 1. We'll have to look into that, but I don't think that they're hard to create.
    - iv. T-shirt idea – Could we have additional t-shirt design specific for Carnival?
      - 1. Perhaps a design contest?
        - a. Erika Hunt will reach out to Mrs. Traynor.
      - 2. Order ahead of time so people could wear them to the carnival.
      - 3. Erika Hunt will talk to Barb Macke about what's necessary to make it happen
  - Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
    - i. Working on a holiday treat for the teachers.
  - Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
  - My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding

- i. 2,593 points
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
  - i. Sold \$2332; Profit \$250.25
  - ii. Total YTD: \$818.25
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
  - i. Portal opens in January
  - ii. Will have teacher's looking over the lists.
  - iii. Online ordering only this year, but sales tax will be charged.
  - iv. Can still do the upcharge, if desired.
- Tyson A+- Aslihan Spaulding
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Margaret Heger
- Old Business
  - 5<sup>th</sup> graders proposal for recess equipment update
    - i. Still working on getting information on the sports equipment
    - ii. Looking at what Coleen Hoose has, but they are customized which carries some risk if getting new nets and such.
    - iii. PTO needs to work through Mrs. Bennington to work with the Ground department with Unit 5.
- New Business
  - PTO President update lunch
    - i. PTO really needs to have an insurance policy according to Curt Richardson, Unit 5 Legal Rep.
    - ii. Normal West is piloting a credit card for their school store.
    - iii. Looking for substitutes. They have shortage daily.
      - 1. They are offering December graduates that if they are able to work a certain number of days, they would be automatically granted an interview.
    - iv. Dr. Daniel is working towards making Unit 5 healthier. He's looking for help from the PTO to help provide healthier snacks.
  - Officer approved funding since last meeting
    - i. PTO made an emergency decision to pay for a floral arrangement for Elaine Fitzgerald's funeral.
- Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn by Juli Eardley
    - i. Seconded by Erika Hunt

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

In loving memory of Elaine Fitzgerald