

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2012
6:30 p.m.

1) Welcome

2) Secretary Report

a) Minutes

- Elaine Fitzgerald- motion to approve
- Carrie Baumann- seconded
- All approved

3) Treasurer Report

- Budget- we will be balancing the budget once the officers can all be present and a more firm direction can be set.
- We reimbursed for the popcorn machine, pizza party, and assignment notebooks.

4) Principal Report

- Enrollment 712
- Report cards come home this Friday
- Thanksgiving break- Wednesday, November 21-Friday, November 23
- Unit Office purchasing new PE equipment for the school, due to the large increase in enrollment!!!!
- Feedback on Wishlist Items from teachers includes:
 - Benchmark level readers (gathering sets of books) – 4 votes - teachers suggested
 - Voice amplification systems for all kindergarten classes – 1 vote
 - Additional playground equipment (the big stuff)
 - Landscaping
- School Evacuation- this Thursday morning- evacuate to Eastview Christian Church via school busses
 - Question arose about situation where we might not be able to evacuate on a bus...the school also practices the “intruder” drill where they go into lockdown on the Benjamin property. If students and staff had to evacuate and couldn’t wait for buses, they would walk to Cornerstone and await the arrival of buses there to take them to Eastview.
 - We are going to Eastview instead of Cornerstone because of their size and their ability to handle a crisis.

5) Teacher Report

- Thanks from teachers for classroom money!
 - Mrs Gerike bought class books
 - Mrs Roper bought books and scholastic news feed
 - Mrs Sprau bought mentor texts

- Thank you for the wonderful lunch during conference day.

6) Committee Reports

a) Fund raising

- Date ranges for the dine-arounds have been set for our school. Proposed date ranges are: Dec 3-6, Jan 14-18, Feb 18-22, March 18-22
- As soon as set dates are set we will publish them on the newsletter, the website and possibly by flier or skyward email!

a) Box Tops

- Not here- but students had icecream sandwiches last week and enjoyed them!

b) Carnival

- Set a date for all carnival committee meeting before Christmas break
- Question about receiving help from external organizations that want to help

c) Hospitality

i) Staff

- parent teacher lunch conference was a great success
- continue with late start breakfast and birthday recognition

ii) Student

- No update

d) Labels for Education

- Over 7500 points submitted for this fall collection
- Received a list from the PE teachers for items they want from the Labels Catalogue
- Wish list for Labels for Education is out on the Benjamin Website
 - We will vote next month on how to use them!

Suggestion-

- Remind that you can hook up your Debit Card to Target to give 5% back to school. Shanna will take care of this.
- My Coke rewards- we will post this on the website- Aslihan Spaulding has sent this info to Marlys and we will post for the school

e) Room Parent Coordinator

- Not present

f) School Directory

- We need to follow up on this

- g) Spirit Wear
 - Order forms went out last week
 - Shirts will be back prior to Winter Break
 - We hear crew necks sweatshirts are back in style....so get your crewneck sweatshirt here!
- h) Supply Kits
 - Nothing this month
- i) Un-raiser
 - Nothing
- j) Volunteer Coordinator
 - Not present

8) Old Business

- a) Lexia
 - Erin Steere's – motion to reactivate 10 Lexia licenses for the K-2 grades
 - Carrie Baumann - seconded
 - All were in favor
- b) Wish List
 - Need to get student input for the Wish List
 - Need lunchtime supervisor input for the Wish List
 - We will vote on this next month when a majority of officers are back

9) New Business

10) Adjourn

Next PTO Meeting: December 10th at 6:30