

**Benjamin PTO Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

1) Welcome

a) PTO Presidents luncheon with Dr. Niehaus

- Presentation from Back to School Alliance – we will discuss making a PTO contribution for next year
- Tax Referendum: Unit 5 announced for every \$9million earned they will give \$3million back to property taxpayers. Remaining \$6million will go towards renovations of Parkside, Kingsley and Chiddix as well as to adding geothermal at some schools and renovating kitchens at various schools. No new schools will be built at this time.
- For this first time in years we will possibly have less than 1,100 incoming Kindergarten for the district
- New Superintendent was elected into office- Dr. Mark Daniel. Welcome!
- Illinois budget will be determined after elections- until then we don't know how many teachers will have to be let go
- Bussing concerns known
- 2014-2015 calendar is still being approved but will be published soon

2) Secretary Report

a) February Minutes approval

- Motion to approve: Mandy Fischer; seconded by Laura Avery

3) Treasurer Report

Expenses for Photo Booth, pizza party, Noetic math

4) Principal Report

- If no additional snow days then last day June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- School on April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Thanks for late start breakfast
- 587 enrollment
- Chess Trophies! Our team has done awesome and we are very proud. State this weekend. Good luck!
- March 18th K registration and assessment
- Student Council sponsoring spirit days-information available on website
- Smencil sales next week
- March 24-28th Spring Break
- April 7th 6:30-8pm Art Show
- Evans Jr. High April 24 Orientation 6:00 pm-bring your kids
- Last day of school time will be 8:45-11:45am
- May 7th Young Authors celebration
- May 22nd 5th Grade Recognition
- May 23rd Talent Show

5) Teacher Report

- Mrs. Aper registered to win \$2,500 in books. Voting can be done at: <http://www.thankamillionteachers.com/vote-for-a-proposal>. Enter "Aper" in the search bar

6) Vice President/Dine to Donate

No new Dine and Donate

7) Committee Reports

- Playground and Field Improvement – Will determine if we need any additional trees at April meeting
- Fund Raising – N/A
- Box Tops - raised \$1,179.70. Celebration recess outside. Need co-chair next year. Another collections in May.
- Carnival – approved \$100 bill donation by PTO for Carnival basket (see below in New Business). Carnival Chair and Co-chair are needed for 2014-2015
- Hospitality
  - Staff - late start breakfast dates set. Teacher luncheon March 17th. Staff support recognition April. Teacher appreciation - holiday theme- week of May 5-9<sup>th</sup>
  - Student - Kindergarten registration set. Asked Marlys to see if student council could help at registration to show support for incoming students
- Labels for Education - submitted 6500 points. Next donation May. Will determine what to order out of catalogue.
- My Coke Rewards - 7644 points
- Room Parent Coordinator - no updates
- School Directory - no updates
- Spirit Wear - Spring order form being sent home this week and return before Spring break.
- Supply Kits-Working on supply kits and will have a \$3 up charge to go to the PTO.
- Tyson A+ - no update
- Un-Raiser - no update
- Volunteer Coordinator -no update

8) Old Business

- Update on 5th grade gifts-ordered? Ordered black 2 inch flashlight "Class 2021".
- Carnival needs a Chair and Co-Chair for next year!
- Don't forget to vote on March 18<sup>th</sup>

9) New Business

- Student Hospitality and ISATs for next year: will have sign up Genius next year.
- Late Start Breakfasts to become its own committee instead of falling under Staff Hospitality. Will have its own budget as well. Motion Shanna Phillips and seconded by Margaret Hager. All were in favor.
- Smocks for the art room. - Looking at Labels for Education to see if they carry art smocks. Update post meeting: there are no smocks available via Labels for Education. Mrs. Bennington will work with Art teacher to request old t-shirts or smocks be brought in as needed if a particular grade is doing a messier project.

- Please be updating your committee chair positions with timelines, instructions, contact info etc, as this is critical to those who take over
- Prairie Farms - Our Caps Your Cause - Barb Johnson will check to see if anyone is interested in chairing a committee.
- Approved \$100 basket sponsored by PTO. Motion Kirsten Douglass and 2nd Margaret Hagger. Approved.
- Back to School Alliance supply drive PTO donation. Discuss next month.
- REMINDER STATE FARM GOOD NEIGHBOR GRANT DUE MARCH 31st!

Motion to adjourn by Laura Avery and 2nd by Shanna Phillips.

**Next PTO meeting Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**