

## Benjamin PTO Meeting

Monday, August 8, 2016

6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome- President
- Secretary Report
  - May minutes approval
  - Will get those posted to the web site in the next couple of weeks – have been approved
- Treasurer Report
- Principal Report
  - Welcome
  - Front of school looks excellent!!
  - 560 incoming students
  - Smallest incoming Kindergarten group; outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> grade was larger, causing our enrollment to drop
  - Mrs. Delgado – 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be at District 87 doing an Administrative Internship. Mrs. Pattie Mamrak will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester – welcome!
  - Mrs. Gibson – District's Math Coach. She will be based at Benjamin – work with teachers from all 16 elementary schools
  - Mrs. Ghrist had surgery / Mrs. Sappington will be 1<sup>st</sup> grade until Mrs. Ghrist returns
  - Mrs. Engler is a new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – welcome!
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Sewell back! Welcome back!
  - Mrs. Collins is our new ELL teacher – welcome!
  - Back to school night – Monday, August 15 from 6pm – 7pm
  - Sign up Genius will be used for Parent Teacher Conferences this year. Yay!
  - Band/Orchestra starts August 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Packets will be sent home first weekend – Aug 19 – need packets back by following Monday, the 22nd
  - Waiting on Curriculum Night details – standards based grading will be presented and principal needs to provide the information
  - School pictures – Thursday, September 1
  - New Bike rack is now located in the back of the school! – Purchased by 2016 5<sup>th</sup> grade class – Thank you!!
    - Holds 18 bikes

- New hours for elementary schools: 7:45 am – 2:30 pm
- School Board = no birthday treats. Will still be allowed to bring in treats for the three holiday parties during the year
- Teacher Report
  - Nothing to report
  - Mrs. Gibson and Mr. Delveaux to still be our PTO Teacher Reps
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
  - First Day of School – Papa Johns – August 18 - all day – online – delivery – pick up
  - The class with most money raised will win 5 – 1-topping pizzas!
  - Working on more dine to donates for the year!!
- Committee Reports
  - Box Tops-Angela Bailey/Sheri Honzel
    - Transitioning; will be working on the first collection
  - Carnival- Erika Hunt
    - More volunteers needed
    - Volunteer Coordinator will be needed
    - Food shadow will be needed
  - Hospitality- Amanda Esparza
    - Volunteers needed
    - Last start breakfast schedule is coming up
    - Luncheon on the 15<sup>th</sup>! 11:30am start
  - My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
    - Submission - \$65
  - Room Parent Coordinator- Trisha Oyler
    - Sign-up sheets will be out on Open House night for Room Parents and Party sign ups. A new sheet will accompany the sign-up sheet to explain what the sign-up sheet is and what the roles entail.
  - School Directory- Kristen Legner
  - Spirit Wear- Angela Redinbo
    - Will be meeting on Tuesday, August 09, 2016 with our rep
  - Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips/Marla Call
    - Distribution went well
    - Supply kits were great!!
  - Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
    - Sheet will be in the packet coming home on the 19th
  - Volunteer Coordinator- Traci Sweeney
    - Working on new form
    - Each family should return only one form
    - Return back on Monday with the packet – Aug 22

- Old Business
  - Landscaping / Benjamin Beatification update
    - Huge Project / Lot of people helped / Lots of clapping and cheers at the meeting!!
    - Plants to go in the front corner still need to be planted; before Monday – back to school night
    - All plants do not require a lot of water; only for the first 2 weeks to establish
    - Putting in pavers for the benches for the soccer fields
  - Committee chairs/shadows needed
    - Parent Volunteer Coordinator will be needed for next year
- New Business
  - Creation of Benjamin Grounds committee – already established
    - Soccer field needs to be addressed / Line item for field
    - Came in under budget for landscaping
    - Dan Fischer will chair for this year
  - Unit 5 Citizens Advisory Council – New Benjamin reps needed
    - James Hayek - Chair
    - Changing the format of CAC
    - Focus group
    - Discussion based instead of research based
    - 6 meetings at 1 hour each / no outside work required
    - AJ Kalitzky and Eric Groonwald will be our representatives for Benjamin.
  - Thanks!!
  - Facility use – usually do not charge – scheduling for 1<sup>st</sup> semester right now
  - Follow up – science spend from carnival
  - Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Checchi and seconded by Traci Sweeney

Next PTO Meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm