

## Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2016

6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome

PTO President lunch with Dr. Daniels report out - Steph

- New approach for reporting grading – standard based grading (Mrs. Gibson's class is currently doing this
  - Workshops instead of lectures
  - Assessing the content of the material versus the structure of the report
  - Homework is not part of the grading – more for practice
  - Still have a behavioral component
  - For elementary will roll out in math in 2016-2017 / rest of the subjects in 2017-2018
- 2016-2017 calendar will likely be approved at school board meeting Weds, 2/10
  - First day of school 8/17 – full day
  - 14 late starts
  - 87 days per semester
  - Eliminating parent-teacher conference day – will have several evening options instead
  - Will have day before Thanksgiving off
  - Winter break – days off Friday, 12/23 – Monday, 1/9
- Budget deficient of \$1 million in transportation
  - Recent survey went out to all parents
  - Community bus stops
  - Changing start times could help with some of the routing and busing issues
  - Mid-March decision will be made
  - Noted on the research regarding how the young child mind is ready to learn
- Secretary Report
  - January minutes approval
  - Carrie Baumann approved/Kelly Weber seconded
- Treasurer Report
  - No expenses
  - Sent note to staff on change in price for assignment notebooks
- Principal Report
  - Thank you for great Souper Bowl luncheon!
  - Enrollment – 601

- Art show – 3/1
- Kindergarten registration – Tuesday, 3/15, 9:30 & 1:30
- Energy Fair – 4/5
- Evans orientation - 4/19
- Fifth grade recognition – 5/19
- Talent show – 5/20
- PARCC testing – after spring break – more to come on specific dates
- Teacher Report
  - Concrete walkway estimate is back - \$2700
  - 116 sq ft of 4 inch sidewalk with wire mesh to go from sidewalk to kindergarten commons
  - Timing – spring break would be ideal but could also do summer
    - Motioned by Mandy Fischer/seconded by Carrie Baumann to approve the installation pending approval by the Unit 5 facilities committee
  - Jump Rope for Heart – school has raised over \$26,000 in three times we have done the event. Thank you to all that donate and support. Will try and highlight this in an upcoming newsletter to parents as well.
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
  - Monday, 2/15 – Bandana's – all day just take in flier
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> – Prep.Freeze.Cook - 3:30-8:00 - \$16 meals and 20% goes
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> – DQ on Veterans – 4:00-8:00 receipts in box and 15% goes back to school
- Committee Reports
  - Box Tops-Carrie Baumann
    - Ongoing – 2/19 last day will submit by 3/1
  - Carnival- Erika Hunt
    - Website is now live! Linked through from PTO site and in newsletter
      1. [www.benjamincarnival.com](http://www.benjamincarnival.com)
    - Carnival T-Shirt design winners will be shared next week
      1. Light green for sale
      2. Light blue for volunteers
    - Letter to teachers is done and will go out shortly – tons of great info in it including passages to be put in the class newsletters
    - Wrist bands - \$12 pre-sale/\$15 night of
    - More games to earn raffle basket tickets
    - Mrs. Bennington/Ms. Traynor will be duct taped to the wall (selling duct tape)
    - Google virtual reality glasses will also be sold
    - Cherry Berry yogurt will be sold
    - March 4<sup>th</sup> – pre-order out to students, due by 3/18
    - Monday, 3/14 can do a pre-order at the school
    - Monday, 3/28 packets will go home

- Trisha and Kelly doing a great job with baskets! Please keep thinking of local businesses that we can ask for donations or sponsorships
  - Do everything online for volunteers and food slots
- Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
  - Souper Bowl luncheon was hosted
  - Looking for new volunteers with day time availability
  - Late start breakfast Weds, 3/9
- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
- My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
  - 4790 points
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
  - Need to have parents for 1A and 3C to handle baskets for carnival and teacher appreciation week
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
  - Confirm that they want to be at kindergarten registration
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Traci Sweeney
  - Sent out an art show sign-up genius – still need approximately eight volunteers to complete the night
  - Will need to send for casual picture day and kindergarten registration
- Old Business
  - None
- New Business
  - None
  - Motion to adjourn by Carrie Baumann/seconded by Traci Sweeney

Next PTO Meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm