

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016

6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome - President
- Secretary Report
 - December minutes approval
 - Traci Sweeney motion to approve/Todd Delveaux seconded
- Treasurer Report
 - Last month approved the white boards and calculators
 - Spirit wear payment
 - PBIS for December payment
 - Income for spirit wear
 - Box top collection was more than we expected
 - Already exceeded Dine-in-donate budget for the year
- Principal Report
 - Enrollment – 601
 - PARCC results went home last week / letter from Dr. Daniel on the website tomorrow. Overall the school did well. Will take again this spring.
 - Leadership speaker – ISU Woman's basketball coach Barb Smith talked about servant leadership and gave a great talk
 - Chess Tournament – Team did great in a recent tournament. Brought home three trophies!
 - Late start Wednesday, 1/13 and Wednesday, 1/27
 - Chorus sings this Friday at 8:00 pm ISU basketball game – tickets \$5 but need to be bought online through the website
 - Mrs. Romero had ankle surgery in December and is currently doing half-days and will work to be back asap
 - No school Monday 1/19 for MLK day
 - Yearbook forms due 1/27 – delivered in May to individual students
 - Business Bears in a full swing – everyone who applied was accepted with just a few modifications. Will be on display. Sale will be Friday, January 1/29 from 8:25-8:40
 - Art Show – March 1st from 6:00-7:30
 - Energy Fair – Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Johnson commitment to the grant so will focus on energy for the fair this year. Will just be 5th grade participating but all grades and parents can attend
 - Evans events: Parent/student open house – Tues, 4/19 – 6:00 pm the 5th grade students visit Evans on May 13th during the day
 - Tuesday, March 15th - Kindergarten registration – 9:30 & 1:30
 - Five essentials survey online – encourage all parents to take it
 - Mrs. Fish – emergency appendectomy but hopes to be back next week

- January 20th deadline for anything that needs to go in to the February newsletter
 - Friday, 2/12 @ 2:30 Valentine's Day parties
- Teacher Report
 - Todd met with an excavator on an estimate for the sidewalk to the kindergarten commons from the parking lot. Will share that back asap so we can determine next steps
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
 - BWW - \$170.12
 - Already \$255.50 over planned earnings in our budget for the year – thank you parents!
 - Bandana's – 2/15 – 20% of fliers
 - Meathead – 4/5 - 4:00-9:00 – 10% comes back
- Committee Reports
 - Box Tops-Carrie Baumann
 - \$1337.40
 - Still agree to limit the 'treat' to once a year and still add the extra recess in the spring
 - Carnival- Erika Hunt
 - Fund-raising theme = all Science / need to try and determine how best to divide it among teachers, grade-levels, etc.
 - Raising wristband costs - \$12 pre-sale/\$15 at the door
 - Solicit donations from parents prior to spring break so we can see already what we have and follow-up as needed
 - Letters have been drafted for sharing with local businesses for sponsorship of games, tables, events, etc. See Erica Hunt, Trisha Oyler or Kelly Weber if you would like some letters to share in the community
 - \$100 bill from PTO to Carnival – Traci Sweeney motioned to approve/Carrie Baumann seconded
 - Logo finalist are in – working with Ms. Trainor / student council will vote on the winner
 - Food – Barb Johnson food chair this year
 - Exploring options for frozen yogurt sales since Orange Leaf has new ownership
 - Coin war/food drive for the class rooms (teacher will get to slime)
 - Duct tape teachers (Mrs. Bennington, Ms. Trainer, Mr. Bosquez) to the wall
 - Carnival website will be live soon
 - 1/19 chairs will meet to go through closet to confirm supplies and get any orders
 - 2/16 all chairs will be here at school and welcome all volunteers to come and learn more about getting involved
 - Need volunteer to run the cashbox

NEW BUSINESS IDEA / FUND-RAISER School-based programs – Spanish, Robotics, Spelling Bee or Geography Bee programs that we would facilitate or support and then share a portion back

Consider Asset-Mapping – survey to all parents to see what skills/focus we might have in the school

- Hospitality - Mandy Fischer
 - Souper Bowl luncheon in late January/early February – date TBD
 - Late-start breakfast on Weds, 3/9
- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
 - Banked our collection last month – enough points for \$250 visa gift card
- My Coke Rewards - Aslihan Spaulding
 - 4951 points = \$74.20
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
 - Mandy will follow-up for Valentine's day parties
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
 - All teacher lists, requests, and changes are in
 - Will discuss them coming to kindergarten registration to sell kits
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Traci Sweeney
 - Need volunteers for kindergarten registration, art show, casual picture day. Will be sending out sign-up genius soon.
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business

Motion to adjourn – Erica Hunt motioned / Ann Groonwald seconded

Next PTO Meeting: February 8th at 6:30 pm