

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016

6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome
- Secretary Report
 - February minutes approval – Motioned to approve by Carrie Baumann/seconded by Zach Perschall
- Treasurer Report
 - No income in the month of February
 - Expenses – Jason's Deli and postage for carnival
- Principal Report
 - Unit 5 email is out / will completely offline from 3/15 4 pm to 3/16 6 am
 - Skyward emails are not working either
 - Enrollment – 600
 - Tuesday, 3/15 – Kindergarten registration
 - Mrs. Gordon had a baby girl last week
 - Spirit week – 3/28-4/1 for carnival and PARCC testing
 - PARCC testing started today and goes until Mid-April (today - 4/22)
 - Energy Fair - Tuesday, 5/5 / Did an energy audit on ideas for things we can do at school
 - Robotics club – Former student from Benjamin looking to support a Robotics club and presented on the importance / Him, his parents and 4-H Extension
 - Important Evans dates in newsletter
- Teacher Report
 - Installation of the new sidewalk to the kindergarten commons is schedule for the week of 3/21
 - Mrs. Aper – Donor's Choose doing a promotion right now where they will match. Will post to the Facebook page
 - Thank you to Mr. Delveaux and Crimson Landscaping for donating a bike for the carnival raffle
 - Need for more popcorn for the popcorn machine – will follow-up and check on how much we do have and if an order is needed
 - May need to think about a new popcorn machine in the near future. Has potentially reached the end of its life
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
 - Still waiting on Bandana's and Prep.Freeze.Cook totals
 - May 17 – Dairy Queen on Veteran's
- Committee Reports
 - Box Tops-Carrie Baumann

- \$716.40 for spring submission
 - Will need volunteers
- Carnival- Erika Hunt
 - \$1000 in sponsorships already collected!
 - Order forms went out to turn in on the last day of school before spring break
 - Carnival sales will be at Kindergarten Registration also
 - Need to provide clarification on the fact that they 'need' a wristband to play at the carnival
 - Robotics club will be at the carnival doing a demo
 - At least 56 baskets at this point!!!
 - Raffle tickets – 5 for \$5 night instead of the reduced cost before
 - Cherry Berry will be sold
 - T-Shirts are pre-sale only
 - Packet stuffing – Saturday, 3/26 11 am – 4 pm @ Scribbles
 - REALLY need volunteers – each volunteers gets a raffle tickets towards a massage basket
 - Need a cash box volunteers - will handle
 - Erica and Dan agreeing to stay on for next year
- Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
 - Late start breakfast last week
 - Meeting first full week in April for staff appreciation week (May 2-6)
 - Cookies at kindergarten registration
 - Waiting on dates for Young Authors and 5th Grade recognition
- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
 - Program is being discontinued at the end of this school year
- My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
 - No updates
 - Program just seems to be declining in the value of what you get back
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
 - Thank you to Trisha for following up with those rooms that do not have room parents to make sure they have a basket
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
 - Order forms are out – due Friday
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
 - Order forms have been dropped off for Kindergarten registration
 - Order forms for everyone else will be
 - Calculator order will be an add-on so if families already have one they do not need to get an additional
 - Fall open registration – 8/2 4 pm
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren

- Volunteer Coordinator- Traci Sweeney
- Old Business
 - Sidewalk update – See above (installed week of 3/21)
- New Business
 - Need for a Beautification Committee – Dan Fischer willing to head up that committee
 - Consider school / farm programs
 - Reach out to ISU/IWU
 - Consider Scribbles after school program help
 - Officers for 2016
 - Stephanie Checchi and Carrie Baumann are stepping down from PTO leadership positions at Benjamin as they are turning to Junior High PTO.
 - Voting will take place at the April 11th 2016 meeting.
 - Amanda Fischer has put her name in the running for position of President for the 2016-2017 school year.
 - Shanna Phillips has agreed to remain treasurer for the 2016-2017 school year.
 - Any other President nominations?
 - Positions to be filled: Vice President, Secretary
 - Secretary – Trisha Oyler (as well as room parent coordinator)
 - VP – Amanda Esparza
 - Will do a formal vote in April and installation in May
- Motion to adjourn => Motioned by Ann Groonwald/seconded by Zach Perschall

Next PTO Meeting: April 11th at 6:30 pm