

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2014

6:30 pm

- 1) Welcome- President
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Passed around committee contact sheet for sign-off
- 2) Secretary Report
 - a. September Minutes approval
 - i. Motion to approve from Carrie Baumann
 1. Seconded by Kiersten Douglass
- 3) Treasurer Report
 - a. Paid
 - i. Paid out playground balls for recess
 - ii. Paid out for the trees that were planted
 - iii. Paid out for Assignment notebooks
 - b. Income
 - i. Unraiser
 - ii. Assignment Notebook
- 4) Principal Report
 - a. Thanks for late start breakfast
 - b. Attendance at 584
 - c. October 8 and 22nd – late starts
 - d. Hearing and vision screenings
 - e. School Picture Retakes on October 28th
 - f. Evacuation drill went well and Eastview's staff was very helpful
 - g. Lockdown drill in a few weeks
 - h. Scholastic Book Fair was a big success. Thanks to everyone!
 - i. Homecoming Spirit Days going on this week.
 - i. NCHS Football game Friday @ 7pm
 - j. Chess meeting is October 16th @ 7:30 – It's mandatory if your child would like to participate.
 - k. Parent / Teacher Conferences on October 24th
 - l. Mrs. Sewell had surgery recently and awaiting treatment plans
 - m. Dr. Daniel is coming for a listening tour on November 3rd – 5:30-7pm
- 5) Teacher Report
 - a. Book Fair goal was exceeded! Thanks again!
 - i. It continues online through October 11th.
 - ii. Volunteers that have helped with setup, tear down, and other activities were very valuable!
 - b. Website subscription renewals

- i. Some of the subscriptions PTO has done in the past
 - 1. Brainpop – \$1725.00 (Brainpop & Brainpop Jr)
 - a. Motion – Carrie Baumann
 - i. Second – Aslihan Spaulding
 - 2. Rusty - \$500.00
 - a. Motion – Kiersten Douglass
 - i. Seconded – Mandy Fischer
 - 3. PebbleGo - \$995.00
 - a. Motion – Tricia Oyler
 - i. Seconded – Kiersten Douglass
 - ii. Motion to move money from Student – Other to Technology for covering all of the approved subscriptions.
 - iii. New ideas
 - 1. Discovery Ed – District used to provide, but no longer does because other resources are available online. Don't know what the cost is.
 - c. Teachers would also like to suggest that if there are items that PTO would like to help supplement, one would be chart paper. It's an item that teachers have been purchasing on their own.
 - i. We've asked for additional details on quantity or product information.
 - ii. Motion for blanket approval to purchase one flipchart for each teacher - \$1150
 - 1. Motioned by Zachary Perschall
 - a. Seconded by Kiersten Douglass
- 6) Vice President/Dine to Donate
 - a. Thanks to everyone for participating in the Avanti's Dine and Donate - \$284.23
 - b. We're only about \$300 away from our yearly target.
 - c. If there's an October Dine and Donate, it will be announced via Facebook or classroom handout.
- 7) Committee Reports
 - a. Box Tops- Kiersten Douglass
 - i. Box Tops announcement was added to the newsletter.
 - b. Carnival- Erika Hunt
 - i. Note went out to Room Parents on classroom themes from Ebony and it was in the Newsletter as well.
 - ii. All of the committee chairs are meeting on October 23rd, then they'll be bringing the larger group together.
 - c. Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
 - i. Had the first late start breakfast – thanks to all committee members and volunteers.
 - ii. Going to every other month for Late Start breakfasts
 - iii. Preparing for Transportation Appreciation Week – 3rd week of October
 - 1. Suggested that maybe kids might want to bring a card for their bus driver

- iv. Full luncheon will be provided on P/T Conference Day
 - v. Working with Ebony Nebel on the Holiday Party coming up.
 - vi. Looking at having grade level parent coordinators to help provide focus and look at making it more efficient.
 - vii. Ebony Nebel came up with birthday cups – “Keep Calm and Pretend It Was on the Lesson Plan”
 - d. Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
 - i. PE Equipment that was ordered came in.
 - ii. Rally is currently going on.
 - iii. Sweepstakes is going on. You can register every day through December.
 - e. My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
 - i. 2102 points as of today.
 - ii. Aslihan has also asked for her department to help participate in gathering items.
 - f. Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
 - i. Sheets asking for teacher preferences have started coming back.
 - ii. Planning to post the list of the Room Parents along with their e-mail addresses.
 - iii. Asked for Basket Themes for each class by November 1st.
 - iv. Still looking for a Room Parent for Room 3C
 - g. School Directory- Jill Kramer
 - i. Electronic copy has been sent out.
 - ii. Paper copies have been printed for families that don't have access.
 - iii. Feedback came out regarding different family situations. We'll look at how we can do this better next year.
 - h. Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
 - i. Fall spirit wear is done – made \$568.00, but \$116.00 was also spent on T-shirts that are being held back for new students.
 - i. Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
 - i. Working on getting the lists out to the teachers and getting feedback.
 - j. Tyson A+- Aslihan Spaulding
 - i. No Updates
 - k. Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
 - i. A couple checks have come in.
 - ii. \$9620.00 is our current total. We're over our \$7500.00 goal.
 - l. Volunteer Coordinator- Margaret Heger
- 8) Old Business
- a. Long Term Wish List discussion
 - i. Suggestions:
 - 1. Outdoor Beautification/Outdoor Equipment
 - 2. Technology Updates (examples below)
 - a. Laptops
 - b. Tech Support Services
 - c. Document Cameras

- b. Field Renovations- Todd Delveaux
 - i. Seeding and weeding we did last year helped. It was \$1080.
 - ii. Can't use the Unit 5 equipment to work on flattening.
 - iii. Recommending contracting w/ Prochnow to do the weeding and seeding.
 - iv. Tod has suggested he would aerating on his own time/expense
 - v. Proposing looking at options next spring on how we could address the leveling.
 - vi. Motion to approve up to \$1500 for the weeding and seeding by Kiersten Douglass
 - 1. Seconded by Zachary Perschall
 - vii. Motion to approve use of \$100 for a gift out of Staff Support Other
 - 1. Motion by Ann Groonwald
 - a. Seconded by Mandy Fischer
- c. Research on Landscaping
 - i. Menards said they need a letter on official school letterhead. They will submit it to their donations department and see what they can provide. If it's too late this year, they might be able to provide resources in the spring. f
 - ii. Home Depot said that they act more like a rental space for the garden vendors. We're asked to submit a plan or request.

9) New Business

- a. Shoparoo – reminder that you can take pictures of your receipts and money will be donated back to the school at the end of the year.
- b. Citizen Advisory Council
 - i. Zachary Perschall and Stephanie Checchi are the reps
 - ii. Four topics that are being researched
 - 1. Smart Classrooms
 - 2. Non-Traditional Buildings
 - 3. Career Cruising
 - 4. Advertising in Schools
- c. Question about doing a relay day during recess, would like to see if PTO may purchase ribbons as minor awards.

10) Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn by Ebony Nebel
 - i. Seconded by Kiersten Douglass

Next PTO Meeting: November 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm