

Benjamin PTO Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2016

6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome - President
- Secretary Report
 - December minutes approval
 - Traci Sweeny motioned to approve, Erika Hunt 2nd
- Treasurer Report
 - Carnival money handling
 - Money room fully staffed

In January we had the following expenses:

- \$1,965 in technology expenses for BrainPop & Pebble Go.
- Hospitality spent \$160 at Subway for a Teachers Lunch and \$16.31 for flowers for Mrs. Romero
- We had an Admin expense of \$47 for postage
- \$111 for our PBIS monthly pizza party

February:

Income:

- Carnival Sponsorship \$250
- Box Tops \$954.50
- State Farm Grant \$240
- School Supply Kits \$5.50

Expense:

- Hospitality for Super Bowl Lunch \$502.05

- Principal Report
 - Thank you for Super Bowl Lunch!
 - 568 current enrollment
 - Kindness Growls – promote kindness acts
 - Business Bears earned \$1,452.55, which will go to charity
 - Some of the exciting learning opportunities going on in classrooms
 - Mrs. Sewell – Sugar Mama – engineering process of making a cupcake – students had to use this to create their own flavors of cupcakes - Top 8 flavors – taste testing – pink lemonade – March flavor of the month - 10% of the sale of the cupcakes will go to Benjamin
 - Energy Audit went well
 - Ms. Traynor – 4th graders created new Bear Bucks – students not only created the designs, but they also had to create a power point and present to a panel of judges
 - Ms. Traynor - 5th grade yearbook cover design contest – created a unit
 - Mrs. Romero – 5th grade Stomp! creations
 - ISU / IWU athletes and parents for Ben-Jam-In Days

- School improvement Day – Friday, Feb 17th
 - President's Day – Monday, Feb 20th
 - February 22nd Skyward will be closed - March 3rd parents can view grades
 - Feb 26th Normal Theatre – Screenagers – Growing up in the Digital Age
 - March 7th – Art Show
 - Upcoming PARCC and MAP testing – Opportunity for students to show what they have learned over the years / Kids work really hard!! Celebrate!
 - March 14th – 8:30am and 1:00pm – Kindergarten Registration
- Disability awareness – 6 stations – teach understanding, compassion, and empathy
- Teacher Report
 - Thank you for the Super Bowl luncheon
 - 1st Grade – Help in storing science items – shelves and tubs for summer maintenance (has a request)
 - School Shop is selling their shelving
 - Mr. Bosquez need for tools – for summer maintenance (has a request)
 - Excited for the scholarship fund setup
 - Mrs. Romero thanked the group for the drums
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
 - Fannie May - \$383
 - Orange Leaf - \$200 (Nov/Dec 2016)
 - Papa Johns - \$27.70 (4th quarter 2016)
 - Dec 2016 Hy-Vee?
 - \$1361.50
- Committee Reports
 - Box Tops - Angela Bailey/Sheri Honzel
 - End of year
 - March 1 is the deadline
 - Drive ending this week Feb 20
 - Carnival - Erika Hunt/Dan Fischer/Trisha Oyler
 - Appreciate Dan!!
 - Challenging this year due to it being early
 - Ms. Traynor had students design the logo – Hannah Kramer and Alyssa Briggs won the logo contest – Congratulations!
 - Hall of Fame Star – new this year - \$5
 - End of the night activity – Chorus – Audience participation
 - Coin War next week: Feb 21 – Feb 24
 - At a grade level – gets an experience day – popcorn day / extra recess
 - Pie in the face / Silly String
 - Pre-orders are due Thursday, February 16th
 - Need assistance with our stuffing party Saturday, Feb 25th – Noon to 5pm
 - Great observation – former Benjamin kids volunteering for the carnival!!

- Great shape for the first two shifts – 3 shift needs help!! Third shift is 7pm to 8pm.
 - Cash box – Food – Teacher / PTO – two shifts to fill – Café Selling food
 - Donations for food and drinks is awesome!!
 - Chess Club donated their extra items to the carnival. Thank you!!
 - Sponsorship - \$1700
 - Hospitality - Amanda Esparza
 - Yummy Super Bowl Lunch
 - Thank you Holly and Samantha!!
 - March 8th – late start breakfast
 - May 8th–12th – Staff Appreciation
 - My Coke Rewards - Aslihan Spaulding
 - Changing the program
 - \$96
 - Room Parent Coordinator - Trisha Oyler
 - All classroom have carnival baskets and they are awesome!
 - Parties are tomorrow – Feb 14th from 1:30pm – 2:30pm
 - Staff Appreciation will be next – email will come out in early April
 - School Directory - Kristen Legner
 - Spirit Wear - Angela Redinbo
 - Changing companies
 - Meltdown Graphics will be new vendor for the upcoming order
 - Supply Kits - Shanna Phillips
 - Marla Call – co-supply kit coordinator
 - Emails – confirm lists – High School
 - Finalized assignment notebooks
 - Packing and deliver out
 - Need someone to speak at Kindergarten
 - Un-Raiser - Stacy Herren
 - Volunteer Coordinator - Traci Sweeney
 - Fannie May – filled up fast
 - Art Show volunteers – March 7th
 - Kindergarten Registration (4 morning / 4 afternoon)
 - 5th grade recognition
 - Grounds Committee – Dan Fischer
 - Meet again in March
 - Looking at getting costs
 - Old Business
 - Long-term planning –
 - Review of short-term/long-term
- 5 items and 2 today

Short Term / Annual Fund

- Document Camera
- Soccer Goal movers
- Field Repair
- Science Material (to support STEM curriculum)

Long Term Item Possibilities:

- Stage Curtains
 - Window Shades in Café
 - School Sign out front
 - Projector and screen in Gym
 - Additional playground equipment
 - Extra Parking space
 - Development of survey/form
 - Timing – go out after the carnival
 1. List your top two on both surveys
 2. List your ideas
 - Additional topic input
- New Business
 - Unit 5 School board candidate visits
 - Each candidate with get 3 to 5 minutes

Next PTO Meeting: March 13th at 6:30 pm