

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2015

6:30 pm

- Welcome- President
- Secretary Report
 - February minutes approval
 - i. Erika Hunt- motion to approve
 - ii. Mandy Fischer seconded
- Treasurer Report
 - Paid for – popcorn bags, Jason's Deli for staff lunch, checks, PBIS pizza party, and Carnival expenses.
- Principal Report
 - Enrollment at 589
 - PARCC testing started today and seems to be going well
 - Spirit Days this week
 - Coin battle to slime Marlys is underway at the Carnival!
 - Kindergarten Registration Tuesday 3/17 at 9:30 and 1:30pm
 - Spring Break – March 23-27
 - April 14th – Science Fair
 - May 21- 5th grade recognition
 - May 22- Talent Show
 - Evans Orientation – April 15th @ 6:00 pm
 - Chess Team- our 4th and 5th graders won first in State! CONGRATULATIONS!
 - i. Advait Prabu- 1st place overall in the Elementary Division and won the Warren Scholar Award!
 - ii. Anish Deshpande- won 1st place in the 600 to 900 rating section in Upper Primary!
 - iii. Arnav Sriram – 2nd place in the 5th grade division and won 1st place in the Elementary Division of the Blitz Championship!
- Teacher Report
 - Looking forward to late start breakfast!
- Vice President/Dine to Donate
 - Panera- \$208 from Panera Dine to Donate!
 - Subway dine to donate- Thursday March 19th – all day, no flier needed. Ireland Grove Subway location.
- Committee Reports
 - Box Tops- Kiersten Douglass
 - i. Sent in about \$600 in box tops. Lower reward incentives from Meijer
 - ii. Recess will be after spring break

- Carnival- Erika Hunt
 - i. Carnival t-shirts were displayed- very cool. Thanks to Barb Macke and Grace Traynor for all their help in making these shirts possible
 - ii. 2,996 pre-affle tickets were sold!
 - iii. 353 wrist bands- down from last year
 - iv. 121 t-shirts sold
 - v. Sliming Marlys at 7:45 ☺
 - vi. Selling Orange Leaf- \$3/cup and we get 20%
 - vii. Also selling Spirit Sticks, Slime Necklaces
 - viii. One last Skyward notice to push for volunteers
 - ix. Thanks to all our Carnival chairs!
- Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
 - i. Late Start Breakfast this Wednesday, 3/11- signup was fantastic
 - ii. Need help Wednesday morning – Steph can handle before, need help after breakfast at 9:40 to clean up
 - iii. Kindergarten registration- will be serving cookies and milk
- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
- My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
 - i. 3,725- \$55 equivalent- they will send us a check for this amount
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
 - i. Spring Order form comes out Wednesday, Due 3/17. Will be included in Kindergarten Registration packet too. “Bling” t-shirts too!
 - ii. Will bring t-shirts for sizing to kindergarten registration
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
 - i. Supply lists are complete and the system is finalized
 - ii. Sample box for kindergarten registration should be here and on display for kindergarten registration
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Margaret Heger
 - i. Carnival Volunteer is well underway- we will be targeting one last push for volunteers
- Old Business
 - Laptop purchases update
 - i. In April or May we will re-evaluate purchasing complete set. We already have \$6000 set aside, but a complete set would be around \$12,000.
 - Soccer goals update
 - i. Marlys will submit form for late March/April grounds committee
- New Business
 - 2015 PTO Officers. All positions are available and need to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Voting will take place in April.
 - Also need a Benjamin Beyond the Books partnerships

- 5th grade recognition gift- voting- Class of 202X
- Put Committee replacements on April meeting
- Vice President is NOT required to handle Dine to Donate- Shanna will continue that night
- Consider Annual Report Template for all committee chairs
- Steph will work with Barb Macke to see if we can use Select Screen Prints for Keychains for 5th grade recognition
 - i. UPDATE- we will use Arrowhead as Barb works with this company as well. Steph has placed order.
- Erika Hunt donated a book to the school regarding the “5 Essentials Survey”. Thanks, Erika!
- Adjourn
 - Erika Hunt motion to adjourn
 - Second by Mandy Fischer

Next PTO Meeting: April 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm