

Benjamin PTO Board Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2014

6:30 pm

1) Welcome- President

- Introductions

2) 5th graders proposal for recess equipment

- Olivia Checchi, Tyler Dwinal, Cody Baumann, Sean Avery, and Kyle Rinkenberger.
- At the listening meeting w/ Dr. Daniel, the attendees were asked to use sticky notes to put up ideas for how to improve the school. The kids in attendance showed visible support for soccer goals and equipment. Based on their experience, some of them were asked to do research on what the student body would like.
 - i. Recess equipment (tornado)
 - 1. Kids did research and it's quite expensive.
 - ii. Sports balls (kick balls, soccer balls, footballs, basketballs)
 - 1. Current equipment is flat
 - iii. Soccer goals
 - 1. Need to be sturdy for safety reasons.
 - 2. During 5th grade recess, there are over 40 kids playing soccer.
 - 3. The lack of goals has led to disagreements during recess.
- Soccer goal options
 - i. \$200 goals (each) – lightweight and not as sturdy
 - ii. \$2828 goals (a set) – more permanent, sturdy, and likely safer
 - iii. There is a call into Read's who put in the PCSL goals
 - 1. This money would be pulled from the Long Term Project Fund
- Footballs
 - i. 6 for \$25.51 (Walmart)
- Dodgeballs
 - i. 6 for \$31.65 (Walmart)
- Soccer balls (asking for 3)
 - i. 1 for \$10.19
- Jumpropes
 - i. \$3.20 each
- Benches
 - i. \$960-ish
 - ii. Looking at a buddy bench (benchfactory.com)
- Action items for next month:
 - i. Research on the soccer goals
 - ii. Research on buddy bench

- iii. Research on Tornado/other playground equipment
- 3) Secretary Report
 - October Minutes approval
 - i. Motion by Mandy Fischer
 - 1. Seconded by Carrie Baumann
 - CAC update
- 4) Treasurer Report
 - Income
 - Expense
 - i. Student Technology – PebbleGo and BrainPop
 - ii. Indoor
- 5) Principal Report
 - Thanks for the Late Start breakfast from Jason's deli
 - Around 585 students
 - Thanks to those that showed up to the Dr. Daniel listening tour
 - i. Major goal was to talk about what makes the school special and what things would change
 - ii. Positives: Building, Staff, Culture
 - iii. Negatives: Technology, Class Sizes (items out of direct control of Benjamin)
 - Chess started last Friday – Lori Baird is coaching
 - Raised over \$2100 for United Way – 1st grade won the contest for raising the most money
 - Music concert this Thursday – 3rd, 4th, and 5th
 - i. If there are special circumstances where someone can't make it to the official performance, arrangements can be made to attend the dress rehearsal.
 - 1st trimester ends Friday; Report cards coming home next Friday.
 - i. In the future, Parents will be able to print out the report cards at home.
 - Chorus will be singing the National Anthem at ISU (December 2nd)
 - Thanksgiving Break is a bit different.
 - i. Dismissing at 2:35 on November 26th.
 - Holiday Parties in December 18th
 - Christmas Concert – Chorus and Kindergarten on December 18th as well
 - 2 Winners in the National Chemistry Contest
 - i. Anagha Rao (1st place)
 - ii. Joe Zeman
 - Benjamin Bears Business Opportunity Application
 - i. Initiated by kids who asked to sell duct tape wallets to raise money for cancer.
 - ii. Purple fliers in the office for information.
- 6) Teacher Report
 - Thanks for the Moe's luncheon at the Parent/Teacher Conference.

7) Vice President/Dine to Donate – No update

8) Committee Reports

- Box Tops- Kiersten Douglass
 - i. \$750 for the fall – that's a reduction from the past
- Carnival- Erika Hunt
 - i. Awesome committee
 - ii. Met last Thursday with the committee
 - iii. Sending an email with updates soon.
 - iv. Discussing some sponsorships, maybe "Grand Prize" baskets, and even allowing tickets to be earned by students that could be used for small baskets
 - v. Sending out survey for Parents and Students (to be included in the newsletter)
- Hospitality- Mandy Fischer
 - i. Big month
 - 1. Transportation Appreciation Week
 - a. 2-3 days
 - b. Very positive feedback
 - 2. Teacher Conferences
 - a. Lunch from Moe's – allowed Teachers to eat together
 - b. Very positive feedback
 - 3. Late Start Breakfast (November)
 - a. Catered by Jason's Deli
 - b. Very positive feedback
- Labels for Education- Barbara Johnson
 - i. Lowest submission in a while – about a third of what you normally get
 - ii. No bonus points this period
- My Coke Rewards- Aslihan Spaulding
 - i. 2395 points
- Room Parent Coordinator- Ebony Nebel
- School Directory- Jill Kramer
- Spirit Wear- Barb Macke
- Supply Kits- Shanna Phillips
- Tyson A+- Aslihan Spaulding
- Un-Raiser- Stacy Herren
- Volunteer Coordinator- Margaret Heger
 - i. Volunteers were identified earlier this year.
 - ii. Has went very smoothly this year.
 - iii. Will work with Ms. Trainor for the Art Show this year. (February 26)
 - iv. Will research volunteer need for Science Fair(April 14th)

9) Old Business

- Decide and act on Long Term fund
- Field Renovations updates- Todd Delveaux

- i. Todd Delveaux – Aerated twice and seeded the field nice.
- ii. Todd would like to get some dirt, and mushroom compost w/ topsoil and drag the soil around the field to try and level it out.
- Ordering 32 Flip Charts (50 pages per pad); \$644.64 from Sam's.

10) New Business

11) Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Traci Sweeney
 - i. Seconded by Carrie Baumann

Next PTO Meeting: December 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm