

Benjamin PTO Meeting  
Monday, October 17  
6:30 pm

Secretary Report

- Motion to approve the September PTO notes – Erika and Angela

Treasurer Report

- Dine and Donate added \$237
- School Supply Kits – \$1800 – made \$1000
- Unraiser – ahead of last year's unraiser
- My coke rewards is now on the account sheet
- Will be posted on our website
- Fundraiser Spirit wear – almost \$500 raised!!
- Hospitality is accounted for on the account sheet
- Updated the format for everyone to see

Principal Report

- Current enrollment at Benjamin is 568 students
- Spirit week is this week! Every day has its own theme – NCHS  
Homecoming week– All of the Themes are on the Benjamin website
  - Football game is on Friday night at NCHS – Go IRON!
- Nov 1 - will be picture retakes
- Nov 2 - Citizen Advisory meeting is being held at Benjamin
- Nov 11 is the end of trimester. Please keep checking Skyward for your students' progress.
- Staff News:
  - Mrs. Ghrist will be out until Thanksgiving
  - Mrs. Sprau will be out for two months
  - Mrs. Kummer – expecting!!

Teacher Report

- Subscriptions
- Don't understand why the school license cost is so high? Teachers tie their lessons into the subscriptions. Individual licenses - BrainPop - \$220  
BrainPop Jr -\$160
- Carrie and Angela motioned for approval:
  - 2 licenses for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - \$160. For a total of \$320.
  - 1 licenses for 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Aper) - \$160
  - 1 license for 4<sup>th</sup> grade - \$220
  - 1 license for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Callis) - \$220
  - The total amount for the individual licenses for both 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade that will be spent is \$920.
- Pebble Go to be ordered
  - Invoice to be sent to Treasurer

- Need to revisit BrainPop and BrainPop Jr. at the end of the year
  - Also, please let the PTO if the individual licenses are not working
- Vice President

- Dine and Donate at Jason's Deli made \$142.38!
- Noodles Dine and Donate is on October 18, from 4pm to 9pm
  - Do not have to have the flier
  - 10% will be donated back to Benjamin
- Nov10 - Buffalo Wild Wings - Dine and Donate
  - Do have to have a ticket/flier for Buffalo Wild Wings

## Committee Reports

### Box Tops

- 5000 box tops were collected - \$500 was collected for Benjamin!!

### Carnival

- Friday, March 3 from 5:00pm – 8:30pm
- Lights, Camera, Benjamin! (Thanks Julie Eardley)
- Educator Awards – coming up with categories – coin wars
- We are going to do a logo this year – no t-shirts
  - Website / Sign for the front of school
  - Ms. Trainor will be helping with the logo!
- Trying to get sponsorship with going to the movies - % going back to the school. We are still working on this.

### Hospitality

- Gift bags for the bus drivers for Bus Driver week!
- Oct 26 – Teacher breakfast for late start
- Subway box dinner for teacher conferences – Nov 17
- Thank you for your support and help volunteers!!

### My Coke Rewards

- \$91.13

### Room Parent Coordinator

- Only one teacher is needing a room parent – Mrs. Roper
  - Halloween party is being coordinated by a parent!
- Sent out template to all room parents of the 'My Favorite' item to have teacher fill out
- Will be sending out 'Funds' template this week to all room parents.
- Google Forms – committee will be researching to determine if this is an option for sign up for rooms parents / party items / Teacher Favorite Lists for next year

### Spirit wear

- Fall order – sold \$4552 = \$470 for Benjamin fundraiser!
- Winter order will be coming soon

### Supply Kits

- Made over \$1000 on school supply kits
- Use money to back to school alliance

#### Un-Raiser

- May surpass \$10,000

#### Volunteer Coordinator

- No new volunteers
- Book fair went well
- May want to consider Google Forms next year for volunteers as well.

#### Labels with Educations

- \$300 in Visa Gift Cards before ending the program! Nice!

#### Old Business

- N/A

#### New Business

- Popcorn machine replacement
  - Budget of \$500
  - Moved some funding into popcorn budget
  - Our popcorn machine is used a lot and the school is needing a new one
  - Would like to look for one that is on wheels or on a cart / more sturdy one that can pop more popcorn
  - Motion to approved a popcorn machine up to \$500 – Erika / Dan
  - Factoryauthorizedoutlet.com – is where we order the popcorn and we will look at this site for a popcorn machine.
- Future plans for Patricia Polacco visit
  - Next year – 2017/2018 school year
  - The author is known for her picture books
  - \$3000 fee
  - Required 5 days
  - She works with small groups within the school
  - Carnival theme is entertainment – some proceeds from the carnival can support Patricia's visit
  - Motion to support full \$3000 – Dan / Carrie
- Sign in front of the School – Benjamin Sign
  - Next steps – Aslihan Spaulding will be checking to see if ISU students could help build the sign
  - Mrs. Bennington will check to see how much Cedar Ridge sign was
  - Around \$3000 to build - estimate
  - Add it to old business for Nov agenda
- Flip charts will be delivered to teachers
- Next PTO meeting is Monday, Nov 14 at 6:30 pm
- Motioned to adjourn – Dan/Carrie