

Benjamin PTO Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2016  
6:30 pm - IMC

- Welcome – President

Secretary Report

- Angela and Zach approved October notes

Treasury Update

- Dine to donates:
- Noodles - \$228.73
- Papa Johns - \$43
- Trending for dine to donates?
  - Will look and see if we can get that data
- Unraiser - \$45
- Assignment notebooks – \$8.50
- Expenses – \$15.20
- Benjamin broadcast - \$49.90

Principal Report

- 570 current enrollment
- 3 concerts tomorrow night – Nov 15 at NCHS
  - Don't forget Orange Leaf after the concert
- \$1100 raised for United Way – Mrs. Aper reports that Kindergarten won!!
- Conferences – Nov 16/Nov 17
- Mrs. Mroz will be holding a book fair for parents only during the conferences on Nov 16/Nov 17!!
- Mid state reading council Reading Fair at Colene Hoose school – November 18th
- No school on Wednesday, Nov 23 – Friday, Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Break
- MAP testing for 1st -5th – Nov 28 – Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Kindergarten already tested in October
- Business Bear applications are due November 29<sup>th</sup>
- March 22 and April 12 will not be late start days. Mark this change to your calendar.
- Chess is doing great!
- Chorus will be singing at State Farm December 19<sup>th</sup> and at an ISU game – TBD.
- Wednesday, December 21 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm will be the Holiday Parties.
- Bear Bucks to buy Ben-Jam-In Day activities– ISU provides athletic teams for these days
  - Students can purchase access to Ben-Jam-In Days for \$25 bear bucks.
- 5 Essentials survey will be coming out in November 2016 - January 2017
  - Please responds! We need 20% of parents to respond to get feedback as a school
- Mrs. Spau is back - Nov 14

- Last day for Cathy Heissler is Nov 22
- All email addresses changed when Unit 5 switched to gmail – Please add myunit5.org to all Unit 5 staff emails.
- Skyward Grade book – Remember, we are now using Standards Based Grading – gradebook is open for parents on Friday, November 18th at 4pm
  - Copy of paper report card will be at conferences
  - Unit 5 website under Standards Based Grading – There is a letter to explain Standards Based Grading to receive free items that are given for good grades.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers – Labels for Education money went to science experiment materials

#### Vice President/Dine to Donate:

- BBW's – still waiting for total
- Orange Leaf – 5 – 9:30pm – after every concert
- Dec 8 – Papa Johns – delivery and to go
- Dec 20 – Orange Leaf after as well
- Marco's Pizza offers student reward cards
- Jason's Deli also have free lunch meals for students, if teachers would like them

#### Teacher Report

- Thanks for Subway meals during conference week!
- Thank you for the Patricia Polacco! Everyone is so excited!
  - December of 2017 – Yay!!
- Mrs. Scott – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Scholastic News - \$89.70 balance due – current events, reading, writing
  - Aslihan and Zach approved
- Document cameras – put in the usb port of computer, and it shows the document on the smart board
  - Estimated to be around \$100 a piece

#### Committee Reports

##### Box Tops

- ISU is going to be helping us with box tops!

##### Carnival

- Minutes were posted yesterday
- Getting sponsorships
- Working on other items

##### Hospitality

- Late start – Dec 14 – breakfast
- Box lunches for Thursday night – Subway

##### My Coke Rewards

- 6215 points – \$93.23

##### Room Parent Coordinator

- Only need one room parent
- Halloween parties went well

- Next party is Wednesday, Dec 21 at 1:30pm – 2:30pm

#### School Directory

- Has been published

#### Spirit wear

- ¾ zip very popular but only in an adult size
- Rolling orders maybe in the future

#### Supply Kits

- \$8.50

#### Unraiser

- \$45

#### Volunteer Coordinator

- Picture retakes – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Art Show will be coming up
- Kindergarten registration will be coming up in the spring

#### Old Business

- Chart Paper has been ordered
  - They went up a \$1 a pad
  - Will have to pick up and delivery
  - Will be in around Thanksgiving
- Larger popcorn machine and chart has been ordered and will be here by the end of the week!!
- Sign in front of the school would be around \$10,000

#### New Business

- Long term planning
- Large projects
- Priorities –
  - School sign
  - Landscaping
  - Document cameras
  - Shades for Café
  - Would like to do a survey and send out to parents/teachers
- State Farm matching gift program
  - Unraisers – your donation can be doubled!!

Meeting adjourned – Tracy and Erika