

# Bear Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

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**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Tara Oltmans, Co-President.

**In Attendance:**

Tara Oltmans	Elizabeth Whitney	Erin Mohr	Michelle Rudy	Beth Williams
Elizabeth Datorre	Sheila Hartmann	Jill Hoffman	Linda Bell	Amanda Hulse
Dr, Annette Spagnolo	Bethany Freiberg	Nicole Smith	Barbara Shenk	

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes from January 11, 2017 were reviewed. Elizabeth Whitney made a motion to approve, Liz Datorre seconded. All in favor, January minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Updates: Not many changes since last meetings. Teachers are continuing to submit reimbursement, request was made to pass the word to the teachers to remind them turn in their reimbursements and remember that this money is to be spent on students for the 16/17 school year.

Holiday Shoppe has surpassed the budget for next year's Shoppe, request was made to go over the budget to continue shopping for the 17/18 year. Request was made to change line item from fiscal year to calendar year. Elizabeth Whitney made a motion to approve this change, Erin Mohr second. All in favor of change, approved.

Elizabeth Whitney made a motion to approve the budget, Erin Mohr 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, budget approved.

**Principal's Report: Dr. Spagnolo reported:**

Snow make up day reminder – Due to the two snow days in March, school will be in session on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>. These are designated weather makeup days. PSAA starts Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and are 4 days for ELA, 3 days for Math, 2 days for 4<sup>th</sup> grade science. Volunteer breakfast is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Teacher Updates:** Nicole Smith thanked the PTO for purchasing the Lemonade Wars books. Update regarding field days was given by Barb Shenk.

**Standing Committees:**

- a. **Assemblies:** Since last meeting the Sound of Music was performed by the High School and the Franklin Institute presented. Lemonade Wars author, Jacqueline Davies is coming for two days, 4/10-4/11. Books are available for purchase to have her autograph. Orders are due by Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The BMX assembly will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Box Top assembly is May 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a request for the Brain Show to come back for a repeat assembly. Parents are welcomed to attend the assemblies if they would like. Beth

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Williams and Elizabeth Whitney have offered to assist with assemblies for the 17/18 school year.

- b. Bear Creek Bash:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bash went really well and had lots of volunteers. Pick up went well overall, everyone got home safely. Planning has begun for March 30<sup>th</sup>'s 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade bash. A new pick up plan is in the works, 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be picked up in the car lot and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will use the walking path. All pick up will be curbside. Information will be sent home this week. Permission forms are due by March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Book Fair:**

Spring dates are May 1-8th, 2017. With setup on Friday April 28th and family night Monday May 1st. Erin will be sending out the signup genius link and information home in the near future.

Fall dates are September 25th-October 2nd. Setup on Friday, September 22. Family night Monday, September 25th.
- d. Box Tops for Education:**

We submitted another \$1200 worth of Box Tops at the end of February. At \$3,334 so far this school year, Bear Creek ranks in the Top 5 schools in this area for Box Tops submissions. In the entire state, Bear Creek ranks at #30 and in the nation, we are at #254.

This month is a pizza contest, April is a Rita's contest and May is Lunch with Friends. June is of course the grand prize drawing. I will start collecting prizes for that from now until the contest.
- e. Community Nights:**
  - i.** Ice Skating at Click Lewis has been rescheduled to April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:45p-8:45p. The need to reschedule was due to weather. Families are welcomed, skates are provided.
  - ii.** Vinnie & Pat's and Rita's will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Time is yet to be determined. This will be a combined event with both establishment. Suggestion was made to make this more of a social event for teachers and forgo the teacher timeslot sign up. Request will be made that the teachers advertise with their own classes for the times they will be available on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii.** Rockwell's - Update will be given at next meeting with results of fundraiser from 3/21 & 3/22
- f. Community Service:** There has been no bill received for the turkeys used at Thanksgiving time. No other updates at this time.
- g. Fundraising:** Sub sale made \$4,711 this year!
- h. Spirit Wear:** Erin Mohr and Amanda Hulse will co-chair Spirit Wear next year.

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- i. **Hershey Park:** All orders are due by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Visit the BC website to order your discounted tickets. The PTO makes \$4 on each regular ticket and less than \$1 on others. Meal tickets are also available. Adult - \$40, Other - \$31.
- j. **Giant A+:** Giant A+ is now up to 1022 designations and has earned \$8,996.91 so far! The earning period ended on March 16<sup>th</sup>, but the dollar figure is not updated yet but should do so in the near future. Stay tuned! We will need someone to oversee the Giant A+ kickoff and coordination next year.
- k. **Holiday Shoppe:** Shopping has begun! Room is being filled and will continue to find great deals! Liz has a running spreadsheet to log and price the items to stay organized. See treasurer's notes for update on Holiday Shoppe budget.
- l. **Movie Nights:** Movie Night was combined due to weather and went really well! 90-100 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 90-100 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mary Ann M. will continue working with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Movie Nights next year. Suggestion was made to combine all grades next year to avoid multiple dates.
- m. **Room Parents:** Room parent coordinator will be needed for next year. Need to have someone in place by the end of this school year.
- n. **Staff Appreciation:** 1<sup>st</sup> week of May, Thursday will be lunch. Gifts will be provided.
- o. **Website:** Thank you to Ms. Shenk for her continued support!
- p. **Yearbook:** 560 yearbooks have been ordered! Consistent with other years. Pages are almost complete. Extras will be ordered. Volunteers are needed for next year, Liz and possibly Ashley (coming from East High) are interested in assisting.

## Continuing Business:

**2017/2018 Executive Committee** - Vote will be held at the May meeting for the 17/18 PTO executive committee.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Activity:** Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>, rain date June 6<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> grade end of school year swim party.

## New Business:

May meeting will be moved to May 10<sup>th</sup> due to incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grader parent night on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Keep an eye out for PSSA snack request coming home for classroom donations.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by Sheila Hartman, Liz Datorre, seconded and meeting was adjourned.