

Bear Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16th, 2017

DRAFT – Minutes will be approved during January PTO Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Beth Williams, President.

In Attendance:

Samantha Boyer	Elizabeth Whitney	Kelly Griffith	Elizabeth Datorre	Donna O'Connell
Beth Williams	Amanda Hulse	Annette Spanolo	Becky Bair	Jennifer Garver
Erin Mohr	Erin Grosh			

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Meeting minutes from September 21st, 2017 were reviewed. Liz Datorre made a motion to approve, Elizabeth Whitney seconded. All in favor, November 2017 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Budget was presented by Donna O'Connell. Liz Datorre made a motion to approve, Elizabeth Whitney seconded. All in favor, Budget was approved.

Principal's Report: Dr. Spagnolo reported that the year continues to go smoothly. Reminder to sign up for Parent Teacher conferences. 77% of sign ups have been scheduled. Progress report will be provided at conference, remainder of year can be found on portal.

Teacher Updates: 4th grade teacher Becky Bair thanked the PTO for the staff appreciation meal and expressed how helpful it is. Reminded group that there are staff members who have nut allergies. She also thanked the PTO for coordinating the box top program, it continues to provide excitement and motivation for the students. Food drive information will be coming home in the near future.

Standing Committees:

- a. **Assemblies:** The Brain Show will coming this year and possibly a robotics assembly as well. Due to price, there are normally only 2 assemblies per year.
- b. **Bear Creek Bash:** Informal talks have begun. Ideas are welcome and can be sent to co-chairs Cindy Wivell and Beth Williams. Dr. Spagnolo suggested adding a karaoke station for each of the events. Erin Grosh pointed out that the middle school may have a karaoke machine we could use.
- c. **Book Fair:** Spring dates are Monday 4/30-Monday 5/7. Erin Grosh is collaborating with the scholastic reps to work on Fall 2018 book fair, dates will be 10/15-10/22
- d. **Box Tops for Education:**
Update from Megan Reedy: The box tops November contest is underway.

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30 students who bring in box tops will be randomly selected to receive a \$10 gift card to the Bear Creek Holiday Shop.

The first deadline to submit our box tops was Nov. 1st. We earned almost \$2,000 this time with the \$500 sweepstakes bonus winner!

Here's how we rank with other schools:

- In our region, Bear Creek is the 3rd highest school for box top submissions so far.
- In our state, Bear Creek tanks 10th among all participating schools.
- And in the nation, Bear Creek is 125th!

The December contest will be another individual contest where boys will compete against girls with the winning team having 15 students in each grade will receive a bear paw!

e. Community Nights:

- i. Hoss's Community Night event raised \$341.29 for the PTO. Thank you to all who came out to support the PTO!
- ii. Knock Knock – Community event will be held on 12/10 from 4p-7p. PTO will receive 20% of every purchase. Beth Williams informed group that Kerri Norman has offered to chair the community nights and will connect her with Amanda Hulse and Erin Mohr to review upcoming events

f. Community Service: Inquiry was made regarding giving tree program. PTO contributes \$1200 and remainder of donations are collected from Bear Creek families and staff.

g. Fundraising:

- i. **Spirit Wear:** 167 orders placed. Fundraiser raised \$1429 for the PTO. The amount raised was less than the last two years (2016 - \$2443, 2015 - \$2297). While the online ordering made coordination much easier, there were quite a few issues with incorrect/incomplete orders. Point was raised that the Spirit Wear was originally not a fundraiser. These facts should be taken into consideration when planning for 2018 spirit wear fundraiser.
- ii. **Sub Sale** – No report provided

h. Giant A+: No official report provided.

i. Holiday Shoppe: The dates for this year's sale are 12/5 and 12/6. 2700 items will be sold and will be priced between \$1 and \$10. All items have been priced allowing for ease when setting up shoppe.

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- j. Movie Nights:** No official report. Fall movie night seemed to be well received and the kids had a blast.
- k. Room Parents:** Reminder will be sent to room parents requesting they submit pictures to Ashley Joiner for the yearbook
- l. Website:** Nothing to report
- m. Yearbook:** Yearbook cover has been approved and submitted. Pictures of class's and events are needed and can be submitted throughout the next few months

Continuing Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm by Elizabeth Whitney, Liz Datorre seconded and meeting was adjourned.