

Bear Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21st, 2017

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

In Attendance:

Amanda Hulse	Jenn Brandt	Kelly Griffith	Ashley Joiner	Annette Spagnolo
Laura Swarr	Elizabeth Smith	Samantha Boyer	Jennifer Garver	Beth Williams
Erin Mohr	Jenny Wawrzyniak	Heather Perrin	Chris Bosch	Barb Shenk
Erin Grosh	Morgan Hughes	Linda Bell	Margaret Thilo	

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Meeting minutes from May 10th, 2017 were reviewed. Erin Grosh made a motion to approve, Jenny Wawrzyniak seconded. All in favor, May 2017 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Budget was presented by Linda Bell.

Question was raised regarding the wellness fund. It was explained that the fund is used to replenish the supplies our school nurses provides to students when needed.

Budget was reviewed by group, Jenny Wawrzyniak made a motion to approve, Elizabeth Smith seconded. All in favor, Budget was approved.

Principal's Report: Dr. Spagnolo reported that this has been an extremely smooth start to the year, specifically pointing out that the car rider tag process has been successful! Reminder that this new process is for the safety of our students. Dr. Spagnolo reminded the group that with constructive criticism regarding parent night is welcomed.

Teacher Updates: Mr. Bosch expressed his thanks for all the PTO does for the teachers and the students of Bear Creek. Margaret Thilo expressed concern regarding 6th grade Pool Party, suggesting that a focus group be established to discuss other options.

Standing Committees:

- a. **Assemblies:** Elizabeth Whitney will be working with Dr. Spagnolo to discuss the assemblies we will offer this year. More to come!
- b. **Bear Creek Bash:** Beth Williams updated the group on what the Bash entails. Plans for this year's events are in the works.
- c. **Book Fair:** Fall dates are September 25th-October 2nd. Setup on Friday, September 22. Family night Monday, September 25th. Erin reported that planning is well underway and volunteers have been signing up.
- d. **Box Tops for Education:**
Update from Megan Reedy: The September Contest is underway and we are

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receiving lots of box tops! Our next submission deadline is Nov 1st so the first two contests are typically big ones. List of monthly awards was distributed.

e. Community Nights:

- i. Rita's – Rita's night was a success! The need for a chair was discussed! Amanda will be following up with Knock Knock to discuss possibility of holding a fundraiser around Christmas.

f. Community Service: Kelli Buzzard will be chairing this committee. This helps those families in need at Bear Creek.

g. Fundraising:

- i. **Spirit Wear:** 167 orders placed

h. Giant A+: Linda reported that due to the change in the Giant Bonus card number, the letter sent home to parents has been delayed. Courtney has been in touch with Giant and will be ready to move forward once the issue was resolved.

i. Holiday Shoppe: The dates for this year's sale are 12/5 and 12/6. Shopping is underway and help will be needed closer to these dates. The PTO closet is being organized in preparation for the sale!

j. Movie Nights: Our 1st all school movie night will be held on 10/17. The ticket process will be changing this year.

k. Room Parents: Thanks to all who volunteered to be room parents, we thank you!

l. Website: Thank you to Ms. Shenk for updating the website! The PTO Manager tab will be removed due to not participating with that company.

m. Yearbook: Ashley Joiner will be coordinating the 17/18 yearbook!

Continuing Business: The issue was raised that it has been difficult to get people to volunteer, discussed using remind now and school wide communications to spread the word regarding volunteer needs.

New Business: Google groups

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by Ashley Joiner, Chris Bosch seconded and meeting was adjourned.