



Beaubien Elementary School PTO Minutes

September 12, 2018

09/12/18 6:31pm | *Meeting called to order by* Norma Castrejon

In Attendance

Board Members: Norma Castrejon, Peter Hirsch, Jenny Conlon, Ms. Maureen Bryers, Heather Pientka, Annalee Oakley, Matt Corcoran

Committee Heads: Michelle DeMarrias (Sink Your Change), Terri Sith(Apparel)

Non-Board Attendance: 11 Parents

Approval of Minutes

First meeting of school year. No prior minutes to approve.

Board

Board members introduced themselves to the room.

Budget

The budget for the current school year was distributed and reviewed by Peter Hirsch. Total proposed budget is \$64,535.41. Peter Hirsch proposed budget approval, Heather Pientka 2nd, followed by unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

FUNDING REVIEW(Norma)- Recess Supplies funded. 2017/18 items funded included Room Enhancements, "Screen Agers", Water Fountains, Bathroom improvements. Field Trip subsidizing re-instituted for 2018/19.

PARENT WELCOME BREAKFAST(Jenny) - Will occur 9/21 8am in lunchroom. It will be a Q&A opportunity for new and returning parents as well as a community building event.

DINE OUT (Ms. Bryers)- The Portillo's event raised \$84, which was lower than we hoped. Next one is Lou Malnati's 9/19, McTeacher Night 10/16. Last McTeacher raised \$3k.

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION (Jenny) – We will provide \$5 Dunkin gift cards to Drivers and Assistants.

SINK YOUR CHANGE(Michelle) – Reorganize and insured each class room has a collection jar. Discussion of changing the name, since it the funds go to overall bathroom improvement. First one will be on 9/28(Fri).

WALKATHON (Jenny covering) – Moved to Thurs 10/18 due to conflict on Fri. Online donations helped to dramatically increase income(\$27k). We need more volunteers. Setting conservative goal of \$20k.

There will be 3 big awards for the overall school this year (IPAD Mini, Chrome Book, Kindle Fire) in addition to smaller such as Gift Cards and Graduation Tickets.

MEMBERSHIP(Heather) -Forms sent home and online. If received by 10/5, you are entered in Bike Raffle.

Old Business Report

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC(Norma) -The event was a big success. Principal Ludford and teachers love it for community building and opportunity for supply drop off. Parents also seem to appreciate it.

RECESS SUPPLIES (PETE) – Funds for Note Cards, Balls, Games(Trouble, Uno) for recess.

New Business

- SHADE STRUCTURE(Heather) -She is researching structures that lack a poll and don't attach to the building itself, since those would raise safety concerns.
- BLACKTOP REPAINT(Matt) – Looking to gathering volunteers. Also need to confirm if the type of paint we have is the correct one or if we need a sealant or topcoat as well.

Q&A

Several Parents had questions and/or suggestions.

- Lex Dunning- Relayed he owed a game store and offered to secure games at wholesale.
- Michael Huber- Suggested marketing all the things we do so parents can both better appreciate where the fund-raising dollars go and be encouraged to give more.
 - Norma said Giving Tues might be good opportunity to highlight some of the things the PTO has done.
 - Lex suggested before and after pictures of the bathroom improvements on the web page as marketing.
 - Annalee said some of the teachers are very good at relaying what the PTO does.
- Michael Huber- Also suggested to add a line regarding career or connections that may benefit the school from a volunteer or cost saving perspective (ie supplies or skilled volunteer).
 - Norma discussed adding such a line to the upcoming PTO Feedback Survey.
- Reetu Sanders -Mikes suggestion could help Spring Fling auction donations.
Should the Spring Fling have a specific purpose? Norma/Pete explained that if we narrow the purpose it locks the funds for only that use.
- Michael Huber- Suggested we consider Corp Matching.
- Michael Huber – Suggested New Lights for the big Gym. Most agreed they are harsh.
- Lyubov Lutska- Suggested adding a water fountain to the playground. Ms. Bryers explained the logistical challenges. The suggestion will be relayed to Principal Ludford.
- Michael Huber – Can bathroom improvement be done by volunteers. Answer: Yes.
- Michael Huber- Local vendors like HOME DEPOT have a directive to donate a certain amount each year to local charities. Also may want to approach Benjamin Moore.
- Michelle DeMarrias- Suggested we write up job descriptions of the volunteer positions.

Announcements

Open House 9/14

School Picture Day 9/25 (Sibling Portraits after school)

Boo Bash 10/26

Book Fair -11/13-11/16

GaGa Ball Pit – To be installed on Playground soon.

Next Meeting

10/3, 630pm, School Library

Motion to adjourn 728pm, approved unanimously.