Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

November 1, 2022

Agenda

* Please Sign In
* Welcome!
* Introductions-
  + PTO Board Members
  + Mrs. Christ and 1st Grade Teachers
    - (Mack, Dahl, Kobes, Steiner, Devine)
* VP Goal Report- South of us is an elementary school going in! No more middle or high schools as of now. Another elementary school will be going in north. Retired teachers luncheon coming up so email Stacy Faulk if you know of anyone. Kendra Scott will do private parties- would be fun for the social committee- they give back a portion of all sales back to school! Everyone discussed fundraisers- good place to share ideas and meet other schools.
* Secretary Minutes- Approve from October- approved by Rachel Henne and Bonnie Gengler
* Treasurer Report- $93k in the bank right now. We have about $50k in reserve and $25-30 in the budget so we do have a cushion! Continue to submit reimbursement requests through the Blue Sage PTO website.
* Principal’s Report- Trunk or Treat was top notch! Teachers love the pre-made trunks so they could volunteer without making a trunk. Health screenings is a requirement and thank you to the volunteers. Thank you to the Halloween party volunteers and workroom Wednesday helpers (copies, laminating, dividing papers). What do teachers do at in-services? Look at academic data, instructional data, data from parent surveys. The principal observes each teacher for 20 minutes. Data is collected to inform instructional development and create a plan for the future. 92% of students on task at the 10-minute and 20-minute mark. Learning goals- should be clear and lessons developed toward the goals. Ratio of interaction- “You feed what you grow!” Blue Sage is 5-1 (district is 4-1)- positive statements made to students! Underwater Ratio kids- kids that get in trouble or are always doing what they should- teachers strive to find these kids and find the moments when they’re doing good! Polling site on 11/8 at Blue Sage but we have an armed guard. Author visit and Veteran’s Day Assembly on 11/11. Parents are welcome to come to the assembly and will be recognized for service. 4/5 music programs on 11/17. Student council is doing food canned drive week of 11/15. Blue Sage is approved for another TA position- email Mrs. Christ if you know of anyone. No school on Wednesday before Thanksgiving!!
* Visiting 1st Grade Teachers Report- Students are learning reading fluency and math fact fluency. In writing, students focus on using all 3 types of sentences in their writing. Students are learning map skills and how animals survive (new curriculum). Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween parties- everything ran very smoothly!
* Old Business-
  + Thank you- Health Screening Volunteers, Halloween Party Volunteers, Trunk or Treat Committee (Kaelin Zawilinski, Jordan Kinderknecht)
  + Trunk or Treat Report- Thank you to the committee and everyone who volunteered! We had about 600 kids come to trunk or treat! We need more candy for next year. Teacher participation was amazing- 18 teachers came and passed out candy at provided trunks, others brought their families to join! Extra candy will be used for Blue Sage Bingo night. Kaelin and Jordan will be the committee chairs again next year!
  + Family Dinner Night- Report on Godfather’s- We brought in $1,232.29 in sales! $246.46 goes back to Blue Sage PTO!
* New Business-
  + November Newsletter
    - Family Dinner Night- Chipotle: 11/9- Elkhorn location and we get 33% back!
  + Social Committee- Wine Tasting- 11/8 from 5-6:30 pm. 5 wines and 3 beers for $20. $15 goes back to Blue Sage PTO. 15% of all purchases goes back to Blue Sage PTO.
  + Sunshine Committee- first year we have had this committee- Laura Kingston is the committee chair! So far we have celebrated 16 staff birthdays, Boss’s day, Custodian day, wedding gift to Miss Hillman, baby gift for Mr. Fickle. Laura has been great running this committee!
  + Celebration of Giving Committee- Starts November 21- Sarah Virus is the committee chair- Sign up genius will be sent up with a variety of gifts available for purchase. Families can sign up, choose an item to purchase, wrap and attach the mitten to the front. The gifts will be taken to central office and sent out. Last year 125 families received gifts! ALL gifts due December 8.
  + Save the Dates:
    - December- Holiday Cookie Exchange- Julie Richards is in charge and will send out a sign up genius and ask for treats- purchased or homemade. Bring them to school and staff members get a cute container and can fill it with any treats of their choice. Teachers also received a gift card last year!
    - January 26- Bears Read Together Family Night- Each family receives a book to read at home and there will be games/activities to go along with the book.
    - February 4- Lancers Hockey Game BSE Night- Portion of all sales goes back to Blue Sage PTO. The more tickets sold = the more money back to school. Be watching for ticket sales to start!
* REMINDERS
  + Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
  + Email photos for the yearbook to: BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com
  + (Check with classroom teachers about students who can’t be photographed)
* Open Items- questions and comments
* Next Meeting- Tuesday, December 6th, 6:30 p.m.
* Meeting called to close- Sarah Virus and Shannon Smith
* Post Meeting Social Hour
  + Tanner’s Bar & Grill (17330 West Center Road)
* Thank you for your support!