Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

February 7, 2023

Agenda

* Welcome- Meeting motioned to begin by Rachel H. and Meegan V.
* Introductions
  + PTO Board Members- Jen, Shannon, Ashley, Krystal
  + Amy Christ and Special Education Teachers/Pre-School teachers
    - (Fraaken, Shirley, Buhr, Schneider, Wattington)
* VP Goal Report- Bids for Kids on October 5, 2023; Golf for Grants on June 5- all money raised goes toward reading and math extra after school help. Alumni trivia night on 4/13. 4/19- kickoff to volunteer to be on Bids for Kids committee. School supply list will stay the same for the fall.
* Secretary Minutes- Approve from December by Julie Richard and Sarah Virus.
* Treasurer Report- Cash flow statement: started the year at 56k and have brought in 33k so far this year from fundraisers. We have about 17k left in budgeted items for the year. We have about 73k in our cash reserve- part will go to fund next years budgets (about 35k). That leaves a good cushion left! Ideas for use of the funds takes about 3 months to get approved. Statement of activity- revenue (money brought in), expenses (money spent). If you are on any committees and have spent funds, please fill out reimbursement form on website! Checks will be provided at each PTO meeting. Unbudgeted fund request form on website for ideas for use of the funds also. The board meets at the end of each year to discuss the budget for the following year based on school size and activity need. We assume we will have about 35k in budgeted items for next year.
* Principal’s Report- 385 students came for Bears Read Together! Thanks to the committee of teachers who helped create this school family event! Conferences are coming up- please set up a time to meet with teachers. Kindergarten registration is open- we have 65 students already registered but please help spread the word if you know of a family with an incoming kindergartener that still needs to sign up. Lunchbox packed with art pop culture by Mark Kelehan (March 4-September 3 at the Durham Museum)- Blue Sage student’s artwork will be displayed as well! Mr. Fickle is doing the Kids Heart Challenge right now. Kindness is Contagious week is currently going on! Valentine volunteers are allowed to enter at 2pm. Parties start at 2:15 on 2/10. Bookfair is just the 2 nights of conferences and will be in the lunchroom. Student council would like to bring in an entrepreneurs leader to talk to them- any ideas of someone that would be good at this, please submit their name! Thank you for conference meals committee (Ashley Hedden) and for organizing classroom coordinators for the Valentine party (Ashley Ladd). Possible PTO money- sponsor a graduating student but we have 3 more years until a Blue Sage student graduates high school.
* Visiting Special Education Report- submitting a grant for a sensory room and everyday speech- gives videos/activities geared toward different social skills.
* Visiting preschool report- grant submitted for helping kids learn how to write different letters (sandpaper).
* Old Business
  + Thank you- Julie Richard (Holiday Treat Exchange), Sarah Virus (Celebration of Giving), BS Staff (Bears Read Together)
  + Family Dinner Night- Report on Javi’s (Dec.)- $146 collected and TNT Walking Taco (Jan.)- $? But they closed down a couple days after our event.
  + Lancer’s Hockey-sold 153 tickets and made $753! We plan to do this again next year. It was a fun event and made some money! Hockey players will come read to elementary schools so we will look into that for next year!

New Business

* + February Newsletter
    - Valentine’s Day Parties- Friday, February 10, 2:15pm
    - Family Dinner Night- Stir Coffee Bar: February 16, all day (15% donated back)
    - Conference meals- need help with set up and clean up so please let Ashley Hedden know if you are interested in volunteering!
  + Open PTO Positions for 2023/2024 school year- Yearbook (could have co-chairs), Staff Appreciation (1 opening), Back to School supplies (Brandy S. will help teach and help whomever signs up), Box Tops and Tagg, Treasurer (2 year term). Looking at changing the bylaws for the board. Next month we will propose it and the following will be the vote. We are suggesting the president and vice president could choose to stay for 2 years.
  + Indoor recess games budget request- We want to give each grade level money for games but there’s a process we have to follow to get it approved. We are trying to figure it out!
  + Carnival- fundraising for a new marquee/other ideas- another screen for gym, another large speaker, mascot uniform, book vending machine.
  + Save the Dates
    - Kindergarten Roundup- April 14 (no school for current kindergartners)
    - Staff Appreciation Week- April 10-14
    - Blue Sage Carnival- May 12
* REMINDERS
  + Submit receipts on PTO website- BlueSagePTO.com
  + Email photos for the yearbook to- BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com
* Open Items- questions and comments
* Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 7th, 6:30 p.m.
* Meeting called to close by Bonnie and Mandy.
* Post Meeting Social Hour
  + West End (1529 S. 203rd St.)
* Thank you for your support!