Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

October 3, 2023

**PTO Board:**

**Principal: Amy Christ**

**President: Jennifer Giorgis**

**Vice President: Shannon Hofer**

**Secretary: Ashley Ladd**

**Treasurer: Kristi Karas**

**Mission Statement:**

**We are parents and teachers working together to supplement and enrich the educational experience for our students.**

Agenda

* Call to open by Meegan and Kaelin
* Introductions by all whom were present!
* Secretary Minutes: Approve from September by Shannon and Antionette- always posted on the PTO website for reference.
* Principal’s Report: Thanks for Shannon for Fun Run and Mandy for Bash! Thank you to everyone who came to conferences- face-to-face interactions are best! Thank you to Ashley Hedden for coordinating conference meals. Book Fair brought in $12,000! Teachers also got money put into their book accounts so thank you! Author Visit, Sarah Weeks is coming 10/9. Heath screening is coming up so please sign up if you are interested in helping! Spelling Bee 3-5 is coming up and will be broadcast on the TV for students to watch! 2nd is going to Arbor Day farms this month.
* Visiting Teacher’s Report: Special Education Teachers- Fraaken, Shirley, Grotrain, Buhrr- Thank you to PTO for purchasing the steam roller- they brought it to show! Also brought a pee pod to show- kids squeeze inside to feel a little “squeeze/hug!”
* Treasurer’s Report: We have about $35,000 left to spend this year; only $3,000 has been spent so far this year. We had $113,00 in the bank but after this years expenses we will have about $90,000.
  + Board Budget Approvals: (anything the board has approved under $1,000)- umbrellas for HALE, coffee cart for teachers to celebrate #1 elementary school in the state!
* Old Business
  + Thank you: Shannon Hofer- Fun Run, Mandy Eckmann- Blue Sage Bash, all donations from families, Ashley Hedden- conference meals for teachers (Benis family for Qdoba donation, Runza donation). Thank you for your support!
  + Report on Family Dinner Night at Pickleman’s- no response from them yet so waiting to hear. They have a new GM.
* New Business
  + October Newsletter-
    - Family Dinner Night: Godfather’s Pizza- 10/17: They would like people to preorder food so more information to come! The Godfather will be here that day at pickup!
  + Current Events
    - Trunk or Treat- Kaelin and Jordyn- October 27- need 42 trunks and only 5 have signed up so please do so soon! You can ask for more than one spot and also put down what theme you would like. Please donate candy to the monsters too! It’s only 3 weeks away! Mrs. Ferrill will show the video every Friday leading up. There will still be Halloweenie meals- $3 presale and $5 day of. Not trying to make a profit. It will be at the front of school so people can eat while in line.
    - Fall parties being planned- October 27- 2-2:45!
    - Fun Run- Gross- $30,899; Net- $29,069! Grand Prize of Nintendo Switch Lite was a 3rd grader in Mrs. Becker’s class. 1/2nd grade got moved inside so thank you to parents who helped! Other grades were outside! THANK YOU to all volunteers! Money raised goes to items like trunk or treat, class parties, 5th grade items, carnival, staff appreciation, teacher meals, Bash, birthday books and so on! Mandy did great planning the Bash- thank you!! Great bounce houses, food trucks, activities!
    - TAGG- You can sign up and submit your receipts on your own or put them in the box in the front of the school and we will submit them for you!
  + Save the Dates
    - 5th- Bids for Kids 6:30-8:30pm
    - 9th- Sarah Weeks- Author Visit
    - 19th- 2nd grade field trip to Arbor Day Farm
    - 20th- No School
    - 24th- Picture Retakes
    - 27th- Report Cards sent home
    - 27th- Fall Parties at 2pm (Parade at 2:45pm)
    - 27th- Trunk or Treat 6-7:30pm
* REMINDERS
  + Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
  + Send pictures to yearbook at [BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com-](mailto:BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com-) Yearbook sales will be starting soon too and will be due January 27.
* Open Items: questions and comments
* Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th, 6:30 p.m. and BARY HABROCK (EPS Superintendent) will be at the meeting to discuss the bond issue.
* Meeting called to close by Rachel H. and Laura K.
* Thank you for your support!