Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

December 5, 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 Kaelin Z. and Shannon S.
* Introductions- Mrs. Christ and 3rd grade teachers!
* Secretary Minutes: Approve from November by Meegan and Antionette
* Principal’s Report-
	+ AQuESTT State Final Classification: Excellent (4)- looks at what percentage of the students met the state cut which was 94% of the kids of Blue Sage and we had 100% participation. It also looks at absentees which is defined as any student absent for 10 or more days. We had 8.08% of our students were. Our goal is 7.68%. Last year we were at 3.4%! 82% of our students made growth from May to May. Elkhorn is looking at moving absences to align more with the state. Form good habits of being at school when the kids are young!
	+ State MAP testing- given in the fall, winter, spring- Blue Sage students and teachers did a good job having students in the 81st percentile and above!
	+ NSCAS- Blue Sage 3rd-5th graders did great- even compared to other Elkhorn elementary schools.
* Visiting Teacher’s Report- 3rd grade teachers- thank you to PTO for your volunteering and generosity!
	+ Multiplication Licenses- students who received their licenses have earned an ice cream party to celebrate!
	+ Data Wall- Every month students are giving a quiz in reading and math and then their results are graphed in a bar on the wall for students to see!
	+ Science balancing forces unit- hands on learning!
	+ Economics store- students learned about entrepreneurship and leadership and sold products in a group while using play money!
	+ Sweater Weather- took pics of the kids and put a face on their sweater and they got to decorate their sweater to match their personality!
	+ Book Challenge- gives a push in their reading and forces them to read the whole book.
* Treasurer’s Report- As of now we have $92K in the reserve and about $30 left in budgeted items.
* Proposed vote on Bylaws- discussed this change at this meeting and will vote at the next meeting in February. Working below:
	+ “Should it arise that bylaws need to be amended, a ballot vote shall be taken. A two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance at the meeting is sufficient.”
* Old Business
	+ Thank you: Celebration of Giving Committee- Sarah Virus, Sarah Kuecker- all gifts were signed up for but we are still waiting for 23 gifts which are due tomorrow 12/6 at 3pm. Thank you for your generosity!
* Report on Family Dinner Night- Chipotle $225.06
* New Business
	+ December Newsletter
		- Family Dinner Night: Runza (5345 S. 204th Ave.) 12/12- trying to get Runza Rex the dinosaur here the day of!
	+ Current Events
		- Celebration of Giving- gifts due 12/6
		- Holiday Treat Exchange for Blue Sage Staff- 12/15- items can be purchased or homemade and must be delivered by 12/14.
		- Staff Appreciation Committee- 2/26-3/1- Please let Ashley Ladd or Taylor Newman know if you would like to help with this committee!
		- Carnival Committee- 5/10- We are looking to have 5 or so committee helpers- Sarah Clevenger and Kaelin Zawilinski will be the co-chairs for this event! Please let them know if you are interested in helping!
	+ Yearbooks are now on sale: $29- YearbookForever.com to purchase- we have to know how many books to order by January 27. If you would like a personalized stamp with your child’s name on it, that is due January 27. PLEASE send in any pictures that you have- first day of school, Halloween parties, trunk or treat and so on.
	+ Blankets were delivered and we still have a few extra!
	+ Save the Dates
		- 19th- Winter Assembly- Stuntmasters BMX Show at 2pm
		- 20th- Read and Feed- Treats provided by PTO
		- 21st- Winter Break Begins (12/21-1/2)
		- February 24th- Lancers Hockey Night Fundraiser- 6:05pm, Ralston
* REMINDERS
	+ Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
	+ Send pictures to yearbook at BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com or upload directory to YearbookForever.com
* Open Items: questions and comments- please use TAGG and submit your receipts online or put in the box at the front of the school! Save Runza receipts to TAGG!
* **Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.**
* Meeting called to close by Allison T. and Sarah K.
* Thank you for your support!