Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

February 6, 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 Rachel H.
* Introductions
* Secretary Minutes: Approve from December by Alison T. and Sarah K.- all notes from the meeting are posted on the Blue Sage PTO website.
* Principal’s Report: Great turn out at Bears Read Together! Budget Proposal request- there are orange and red accent walls throughout the building and the school would like them repainted to match our school colors of blue and green. The lower bid is with Larsen’s Painting for $6,990. We will vote on this at the March PTO meeting. We are in the middle of kindness week. 4/5th grade- future chef contest where kids can submit a recipe and get chosen. Info was sent home. Thank you to all Valentine Party volunteers and Ashley Hedden for planning conference meals. Kayla Ferrill- looking for new shelves for picture books in the library (maybe even done in parts), waiting for the bid. The staff appreciates the ongoing support of PTO! Kindergarten registration- 80 registered so far! If you know of anyone that has a sibling, please tell them to register. A postcard will also be sent home.
* Visiting Teacher’s Report
  + Kindergarten Report- Thank you to PTO for supporting social committee. Grade level money is being used to bring in wildlife encounters again this year!
  + First Grade- PTO funds are used to purchase more materials for the new teachers.
* Treasurer’s Report- Cash flow- we have $117k in the bank right now. If you have ideas for where the money could be used, please share with the board! We are also always open to the teachers bringing the non-budgeted requests too! We always consider if we want to budget something for every year or just a one-time thing. We have spent $11k so far and still have $26k left of budgeted items. That leaves about $90k in the bank after all expenses.
  + Board Approvals: Extra conference meal money, increase in staff appreciation budget due to extra staff, Staff Social Committee (Casino Night)
* Vote on Bylaws (addition of a paper vote when bylaws are amended)- We voted via ballot and Mrs. Christ counted the votes for 18 yes and 0 no.
* Old Business
  + Thank you: Bears Read Together Night- so fun for kids and families!
* Report on Family Dinner Night from Nov (Chipotle-$225.06), Dec (Runza-$425), Chick-fil-A cancelled our January night.
* New Business
  + February Newsletter
    - Family Dinner Night: Pepperjax Grill (Elkhorn location- 3930 N. 203rd St) 2/20- last year this was a big fundraiser!
  + Board Positions- March is where you put your name in for the positions and then we vote at the April meeting. Shannon Hofer is up for president, Ashley Ladd up for Vice President, Taylor Newman up for Secretary, and Kristi Karas up for Treasurer.
  + Current Events
    - Staff Appreciation Committee- 2/26-3/-1 The committee is requesting some items via sign up genius so watch for that coming soon. Fun events are planned for each day of the week for staff!
    - Carnival Committee- 5/10- working hard with the committee to plan a fun event! Will have food trucks and maybe do pre order pizza too.
    - Yearbook Update- ordered 300! Still need first day of school pics and bears read together pics.
  + Husker Assembly- March 29th in the afternoon! Drue Lovegren has headed this up so thank you!
  + Save the Dates
    - February 9th- Valentine’s Day Parties at 2:15pm
    - February 13-14th- Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:06pm dismissal, Book Fair
    - February 15-16th- No School
    - February 20th- Family Dinner Night at Pepperjax
    - February 24th- Lancers Hockey Night Fundraiser- 6:05pm, Ralston- purchase your tickets now!
    - February 26-March 1st- Staff Appreciation Week
* REMINDERS
  + Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
  + Send pictures to yearbook at [BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com](mailto:BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com) or upload directory to YearbookForever.com (access code- bluesage)
* Open Items: questions and comments
* **Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.**
* Meeting called to close by Shannon S. and Rachel H.
* Thank you for your support!