Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

March 5, 2024

**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 Rachel H. and Meegen V.
* Secretary Minutes: Approve from February by Taylor N. and Sarah K.
* Principal’s Report- 4th grade teachers are doing professional development so they are not here but will be next month. Staff appreciation was this month and everyone loved it! Thank you to those who chaired the committee and all who donated! We profited $2,500 for the book fair this year! This is Read Across America Week! 5:30 (2nd) and 6:30 (3rd) music programs on March 7. April 1 is kindergarten roundup and right now we have just over 90 kids.
* Treasurer’s Report- We have brought in about $47k and spent $25k for a revenue of $22,300. Current cash in the bank is about $113k. Committees- make sure you ask for a larger budget before just spending it.
	+ Board Approvals: Up to an extra $1k for staff appreciation due to increased staff numbers (although not all of that was used).
	+ PTO printer purchased- the printer is at Ashley Ladd’s house so let her know if any committee needs copies made.
	+ Non-budgeted request- Mrs. Farrell would like new bookcases for the library totaling $14,700.14 so they can fit 3 rows of picture books rather than 2 rows. We will vote on this at the April meeting.
	+ Question asked- how much do we plan to give to the new school to get their PTO started? Amy- historically here is what happens- there is no rule but in many cases, $5k is given. When Blue Sage opened, we were given $1k. We don’t have to do what has been done in the past and can make our own decision. We don’t anticipate our donations being quite so high next year given we are splitting schools. Idea proposed- maybe donations next year are said to be a 70/30 split so everyone knows right away that part of their donations are going to the new school.
* Goal meeting report- 4 times per year all of the PTO vice presidents from all Elkhorn schools get together and have a quick presentation and then are able to ask questions! One big discussion was what to give when schools split- anywhere from $0-$5k was what has happened in the past. We are VERY fortunate for the amount of people who come to our PTO meetings and the amount of people who volunteer!
* Vote on non-budgeted request for red/orange walls painted at school (about $7k)- We conducted a vote and the results were: 14 yes and 0 no so it is approved!
* Old Business
	+ Family Dinner Night from February- Pepperjax Grill- waiting to hear what we made from that night.
	+ Staff Appreciation- it was a great event and the staff felt very loved!
	+ Lancer’s Hockey Night- this was a great turn out! We sold 180 tickets and made $900!!
	+ Conference Meals- Thank you to Ashley Hedden for coordinating these meals!
* New Business
	+ March Newsletter
		- Family Dinner Night: Oklahoma Joe’s BBQ, 3/19- the owner is very excited for this event!
	+ Current Events
		- TAGG March Madness- 3/1-4/7- about 20 schools signed up and they bracketed similar to March madness so schools will compete and try to get families to participate! A portion of your receipt from local businesses goes back to Blue Sage! We will try to continue awareness! Blue Sage moved on to round 2! Yay!
		- Top Golf- 4/14- same as last year but more information will come out soon!
		- Carnival- 5/10- We are lowering ticket prices and it will be very similar to last year but hopefully outside! Please help push the parent volunteers sign up! A save the date will be coming out this Friday in teacher Friday emails. Then an actual flyer will also be coming out. We will be selling pre-order pizza along with a couple food trucks!
		- Yearbook update- Allison T. is working on this- send upcoming music program pictures. Everything is due March 26 but she would like everything by MARCH 14!
	+ Board Nominations for 2024-2025 school year- vote at April meeting- nominations- President- Shannon Hofer, Vice-President- Ashley Ladd, Secretary- Taylor Newman, Treasurer- Kristi Karas… we will vote at the next meeting
	+ Open Committee Chair Positions- please let Jen know soon and she will also be reaching out to talk to current committee chairs! 5th grade committee chair will be open if you have a 5th grader next year.
* REMINDERS
	+ Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
	+ Send pictures to yearbook at BlueSageBearsYearbook1@gmail.com or upload directory to YearbookForever.com (access code- bluesage)
* Open Items: questions and comments
* **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.**
* Meeting called to close by Allison T. and Sarah V.- Thank you for your support!