Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

April 2, 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 Sarah V. and Rachel H.
* Introductions- 4th and 5th grade teachers
* Secretary Minutes: Approve from March by Allison T. and Taylor N.
* Vice Principal’s Report- Alex Bousema- kids Heart for Challenge fundraiser raised over $8k this year! Kindergarten roundup meeting was last night and roundup is Friday! NSCAS testing kicked off this week- make sure to eat healthy and get a good nights sleep. Welcome to 5th and 4th grade teachers!
* Visiting Teacher’s Report
  + 5th grade- Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Harris, Ms. Lunzmann- getting ready for NSCAS. Will travel to visit the middle schools in May! Fun events- wax museum, science experiments, buddy reading. Thanks to PTO for helping make Outdoor Ed possible! Thanks to PTO for donating all the indoor recess games to 5th grade!
  + 4th grade- Dice, Bruck, Mull, Lawrence- 4th grade field trip- went to Lincoln and visited the pedestrian bridge, NE State Capital, and Memorial Stadium! Grade level PTO money is used for our Blue Sage Café event. Students write many poems and then participate in a poetry slam! Students get drinks and donuts and get to share their poems with the whole grade! This is done on the last day of school and a fun way to show what they learned and celebrate the end of the school year!
  + Pre-School- Waddington, Kanger, Haney (SLP), Gorup, Schnieder- PTO funds will be used to buy seeds and grow them in cups, lima beans with cotton balls and they will grow, we will be getting butterflies to watch grow too! Donations will be used for their own little “fun run” to purchase supplies for that as well!
  + Kayla Farrell- media specialist- asking for money to purchase new bookshelves for the media center in order to add more books to the library! The library currently has about 16.3 books per student and the goal is 20 books per child but we don’t have room with our current bookshelves. The quote for 6 new bookshelves is almost $15,000.
* Treasurer’s Report- Spent $23k and slated to spend about $35k this year. We expect to end the year at about $85k, which is less than last year.
* Vice President Goals Report- Golf Fore fundraiser is coming up and it goes to pay after school programs like extra math help. You can sign up through the EPS website and is at Champions Golf Course.
* Vote on non-budgeted request for new bookshelves in the media center- Sarah V. motioned to table this vote until the May meeting and it was agreed upon by over a 2/3rds vote. Parents present at the meeting would really like to make this purchase happen but we’d like to see if maybe the district would cover a portion of the payment for new shelves or if we could get a quote from another company. So, we want to get the library shelves but would like to spend less than $15k.
* Vote on new executive board- everyone completed a paper vote and gave results to Alex… results were all yes for- President- Shannon Hofer, Vice President- Ashley Ladd, Secretary- Taylor Newman, Treasurer- Krisi Karas.
* Old Business
  + Family Dinner Night from March- Oklahoma Joe’s BBQ- no info yet
* New Business
  + April Newsletter
    - Family Dinner Night: Texas Roadhouse 4/18
  + Current Events
    - Top Golf- 4/14- 4 spots are still available (2 spots in one bay and 2 spots in a bay right by it) so email PTO if interested.
    - Carnival- 5/10- Flyers are being created and will be sent in Friday Folders before the event. Parent link to help sign up will give free band for each shift signed up! Ticket amounts are being discounted this year by $5. Mrs. Farrell agreed to post it on the bear broadcast again so thanks to her!
    - School Supplies- Bonnie G. First flyer will go out this Friday in folders so every child will get one to purchase school supplies bundle! Another flyer will go out in a couple weeks. Website is ready to go and live. We will have a 6-week sale. Prices are very similar to last year.
    - Yearbook has been submitted!
  + Open Committee Chair Positions- 5th grade committee, yearbook (2 people), Sunshine committee, Holiday Treat Exchange
  + Save the Dates:
    - April 5- Kindergarten Roundup- No school for current kindergarten students
    - April 8th- Solar Eclipse
    - April 8th- district Battle of the Books
    - April 9th- K (5:30)/1st (6:30) music programs
    - April 12th- 1st grade field trip to Morrill Hall
    - April 19th- No school
    - April 26th- Mid-quarter reports sent home
* REMINDERS
  + Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
* Open Items: questions and comments
* **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.**
* Meeting called to close by Bonnie and Sarah C. - Thank you for your support!