Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting

May 7, 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 Bonnie and Sarah K.
* Introductions: 2024-2025 board members… Shannon Hofer- President, Ashley Ladd- Vice President, Taylor Newman- Secretary, Krisi Karas- Treasurer
* Secretary Minutes: Approve from April by Alison T. and Sarah K.
* Principal’s Report- Grants worth of $8k and waiting to hear what will be approved. A Vivi will be purchased for every classroom which allows the teacher to move around while also controlling the screen. 3rd graders went to Durham museum last week and Mrs. Christ got an email from them saying how well behaved the kids were! Most state testing is complete, yay! Blue Sage is a polling place coming up but there will be an armed guard here during that day. Fun Day is coming up on May 16 and a volunteer link was emailed out. Preschool graduation is May 17. 5th grade graduation is May 22. Last day of school is May 23. Therapy Dog came today for 1 hour and got to see some kids!
* Treasurer’s Report- PTO board approved electronic scoreboard for Mr. Fickle for about $600. Statement of Activity- Revenue $51k, Gross is $32K, Total Expenditures is $34k (includes non budgeted request items) and still expecting another $12k to come through (teacher budgets). Cash flow statement- Expenses are slightly more than our revenue this year. Current cash reserve is at $76k. Budget for next year- increased some areas due to increase of staff and student numbers (approximately 630 students next year compared to 530 this year). Vote to approve the budget for 2024-2025 school year by hand vote – 19 yes, 0 no.
* Vote on non-budgeted request for new bookshelves in the media center- we have discussed this the past two meetings. Amy shared more information about the shelves- the original bid for the bookshelves was $17, 211 and another bid was $14,714. We got an additional quote from a local company and it was $14,900. The first vendor dropped their price to over $12k. We spend a lot for the author visit each year and use our book fair money for that. The new bid is over $12k. The building (through the activity account) will cover over $3k so **PTO would cover the rest of $9k.** We will complete a paper vote with a yes or no vote. Yes=15, No=4 so it approved!
* Old Business
  + Family Dinner Night: March- Oklahoma Joe’s BBQ, April- Texas Roadhouse
* New Business
  + May Newsletter
    - Family Dinner Night: Pickleman’s 5/21
  + Current Events
    - Carnival- Friday, 5/10 from 5:30-8pm: 373 pre-sale tickets sold! You can still purchase your tickets at the door! Coin Wars- on Monday $1,783 was raised through cash and Venmo donations! $2,522 was brought in on Tuesday!! Staff is participating too and they all met their goal and earned comfy day for the rest of the year!
    - Sponsorships- Own a business or know of one who would be a good sponsor? Email: [BlueSagePTO@gmail.com-](mailto:BlueSagePTO@gmail.com-) or contact Shannon Hofer.
    - Thank you to classroom coordinators for collecting t-shirt sizes for the free fall shirts and for everything you have done all year long!!
    - School Supplies- Order by 5/21 at EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks and use code: BLU068. We currently have about 130-150 orders.
    - Yearbooks- delivered to school tomorrow and will most likely be passed out the Friday before the last day of school.
  + Open Committee Chair Positions- Holiday Cookie Exchange and Carnival!
  + Save the Dates:
    - May 8- Career Fair for 5th Grade
    - May 9- Track and Field Day for 5th Grade at ESHS
    - May 10- Kindergarten field trip to Schramm Park
    - May 10- School Carnival from 5:30-8pm
    - May 16- Fun Day for K-5
    - May 17- Preschool Graduation
    - May 22- 5th Grade Celebration
    - May 23- LAST Day of School, Report Cards sent home
  + **THANK YOU to committee chairs and everyone who volunteered this year! We appreciate YOU! HUGE thank you to Jennifer Giorgis for being our PTO President for the past 2 years!! You will be missed!**
* REMINDERS
  + Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
* Open Items: questions and comments
* **Next Meeting: September 2024**
* Meeting called to close by Bonnie and Antoinette - Thank you for your support!