

Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting: October 1, 2024

Mission Statement:

We are parents and teachers working together to supplement and enrich the educational experience for our students.

PTO Board:

Principal: Amy Christ
President: Shannon Hofer
Vice President: Ashley Ladd
Secretary: Taylor Newman
Treasurer: Kristi Karas

Agenda

- Call to Open
 - Meeting was called to open by Kaelin and seconded by Meegan.
- Introductions
 - PTO Board
 - President: Shannon Hofer
 - Vice President: Ashley Ladd
 - Secretary: Taylor Newman
 - Treasurer: Kristi Karas
- Secretary Minutes: Approve from September 3, 2024
 - Minutes were approved by Lauren and Kate.
- Principal's Report presented by Amy Christ
 - Thank you to Shannon H. for all her work with the Fun Run- it was great on the soccer field this year.
 - Thank you to Mandy E. for all her work with the BSE Bash.
 - Thank you to families for meeting fundraising goal.
 - Thank you to Ashley H. for providing conference meals
 - 12,000 total sold at book fair- Library with get about 2,500 from sales
 - 2nd grade to Arbor Day Farm for field trip this month.
 - 3rd grade to Luminarium for field trip this month.
 - Preschool going to Pam Nelson Farm for field trip this month.
 - Picture retakes are on October 24th.
 - Report cards will be mailed home on the 25th.
 - Annual health screening on the 30th- only 10 volunteer slots filled so please volunteer if able. This makes things run smoother and easier that day.
 - Fall Parties on the 31st- full school will participate this year.
- Fifth Grade Teacher's Report
 - Mrs. Carlson, Ms. Lunzman, Mrs. Grimes, Miss Diederich, Miss Spanel came to present.
 - Currently working on fairy tales in creative writing unit, volume in math, science, economics unit, and middle school prep.
 - Big task of 5th grade is getting prepped for middle school with homework, responsibility, be more independent with agendas, work on organization, kindness/ inclusiveness, and time management.

- Went to Camp Kitaki for outdoor ed and the kids had a great time. They went fishing, canoeing, hiking, owl pellet dissection, rocket launching with 2L bottles.
- Thank you to PTO for snacks, drinks, bandanas, etc. and all volunteers that helped make outdoor ed possible.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Kristi Karas
 - We had a great successful fundraiser- we were a little worried about how much we would fundraise this year with the new school opening and now we have a little more wiggle room.
 - Cash flow statement- approx. \$114,000 after fun run fundraising.
 - End the year with approximately \$75,000.
 - Good fundraising allows for PTO to approve more non-budget item request from teachers and staff.
- Old Business presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Fun Run
 - Fundraising goal met: BSE families raised \$33,521
 - Net profit \$30,224
 - 44% registered/ 654 students
 - 40% pledged/654 students
 - This is Shannon's last year as fun run chair if anyone is interested in taking this committee over.
 - Blue Sage Bash
 - Bash was a success and thank you to Mandy for all her work planning. BSE families had a great time.
 - September Family Dinner Night
 - Burger Detour- check has been sent out. Numbers not available at this time. 15% of all sales will go back to BSE PTO.
 - One slot open in May- any ideas for a family dinner spot would be welcomed.
 - Godfather's Pizza is next on October 30th -Godfather is coming to the school that day.
 - Conference Meals
 - Thank you to Ashley for planning conference meals- the teachers enjoyed Costco pizza and Jimmy Johns.
- New Business presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Trunk or Treat: October 25th 6:00-7:00pm @ BSE
 - Just started sending out information today after Fall Break.
 - Old video will be on the Bear Broadcast to promote candy donations.
 - We need a lot of candy for all students.
 - Currently 10 trunks plus 4 teacher trunks but we do need more trunks to make this event a success. So please sign-up if interested.
 - No halloweenies this year.

- We may do hot cocoa depending on the weather and will decide as time gets closer and we can see what the forecast looks like.
 - Will also be looking for new co-chairs for trunk or treat next year. So please reach out if you are interested in volunteering.
 - Family Dinner Night: October 30th at Godfather's Pizza
 - Dine in or carry out at by 180th and Q.
 - Spring Fundraiser: Ideas and volunteers needed- please bring any ideas to the board!
 - Drive- In movie idea thrown out instead of carnival for the spring fundraiser.
 - Smaller fundraiser idea- selling something that's going to people's house instead of going to the school.
 - Have multiple events with limited space- 2 nights of an event to have fewer people at the school, divide by grades.
 - Movie theater or Drive-in movie theater for bigger capacity- rent out theater and sell the tickets.
 - All ideas were discussed as potential ideas- will continue to follow up on these over the coming months. We are also looking for volunteers to head these ideas up and organize the event.
 - Bids for Kids: Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation fundraiser
 - October 10th and we have 2 tables of 6 and we have 2 tickets left- they are \$91 and let Shannon know if you are interested.
 - Raises money for after school clubs- math club, reading club, etc.
 - Money for New School
 - Gifting new school PTO with money- we have reached out to other school's PTO and there is no standard.
 - Next month (November) we will be voting- 2,000 or 4,000 donation to the new school.
 - BSE got 1,000 from Skyline when BSE opened.
 - Potential to do Auction Items at like they did at the Skyline Carnival- gave away tours of the school, music program seat tickets, parking spots, new swag, etc.
 - Let's train the new board and give a blueprint to the new school PTO.
- Thank You presented by Ashley Ladd
 - Fun Run Committee
 - Thank you Shannon H. for all her work organizing fun run, getting prizes to the school.
 - Blue Sage Bash Committee
 - Mandy E. does all the planning and make sure its all set up and cleaned up after the event.
 - Conference Meals Committee
 - Ashley H. did grab and go Costco pizza and Jimmy John's sandwiches and they were so popular with the staff.

- VP Goals meeting presented by Ashley Ladd
 - Round table PTO meetings from all elementary, middle, high schools- got to share what it working for them and what isn't.
 - Kara comes and give update on the district- bond issue passed so lots of projects around the district, everything is on time and on schedule to open on time, some are even under budget. They are confident the new schools will open on time as of now.
 - Core team and boundaries will be announced soon.
 - Medieval put-put for 30% back to school- winter time activity in maybe January or February. They showed interest in getting involved with EPS.
- Important October Dates presented by Taylor Newman
 - October 17th- End of First Quarter
 - October 18th- No School- Teacher In-Service
 - October 24th- Picture Retakes for Preschool- 5th grade
 - October 25th- Report Cards sent home
 - October 25th- Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00pm @ BSE
 - October 30th- Health Screening
 - October 31st- Fall Parties @ 2:00pm K-5th, Preschool am/pm times
- Reminders presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
 - Send in pictures to yearbook for all school events
 - Next Meeting: **MONDAY November 4, 2024**
 - Meeting moved due to election, BSE is a polling site.
 - We will be voting on money being sent to the new school.
 - 2nd grade teachers will be presenting.
- Open Items: questions and comments
- Call to Close
 - Meeting is called to close by Jen H. and seconded by Brian K.