

Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting: December 3, 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 Bonnie G. and Shannon S.
- Introductions
 - PTO Board:
 - Shannon Hofer- President, Ashley Ladd- Vice President, Taylor Newman- Secretary, Kristi Karas- Treasurer, absent from today's meeting
- Secretary Minutes: Approve from November 4, 2024
 - Minutes were approved by Rachel H. and Sara K.
- First Grade/Reading Specialist Report
 - In 1st grade a new reading curriculum is being piloted currently in Mrs. Dahls room- this will be district wide update, they do this every 7 years.
 - Currently doing FastBridge testing with the students.
 - In Science, students are currently working on light and sound activities
 - Reading Specialist is currently helping with all the FastBridge testing
- Principal's Report presented by Amy Christ
 - Boundary Proposal presented- this was emailed out after the EPS board meeting on December 2, 2024
 - Current 4th graders have opportunity to stay at current elementary school for the 25-26 school year
 - New floor plan for new elementary schools
 - Neighborhoods for elementary #13:
 - Grandview
 - Legend Trails
 - The Preserve
 - Tradewind Apts
 - Westbury Creek
 - Westbury Farms
 - Neighborhoods for Blue Sage Elementary:
 - Aerie at Blue Sage
 - Blue Sage Creek
 - Privada
 - South Pointe Estates
 - Terra Linda

- The Farm
 - The Sanctuary
 - Trail Ridge Ranches
 - Windgate
- AQuESTT
 - BSE ranked as excellent
 - This report looks at Truancy (unexcused absences) vs. Chronic Absence (all absences), letters sent if kids miss 10% or more school days
 - MAP trends
 - BSE is scoring above district average in all grades (2nd-5th) (over 81st percentile) in reading from spring 2024
 - This data compares how BSE compares across the district and across the state
 - BSE is scoring above district average in all grades (2nd-5th) in math
 - Kindergarten does FastBridge testing for reading and math
 - 1st grade does FastBridge testing for reading and math
 - NSCAS shows statewide data comparisons, rankings
- Please check lost and found- there is a lot of stuff that has been collected over the last few months.
- Teacher swap and will read to different classes.
- Read and Feed- Thank you to PTO who provides snacks.
- Report cards will be sent home with kids in January. They will not be mailed home this time.
- Kindergarten registration will begin in January.
 - BSE: Parent meeting March 31
 - #13: Parent meeting April 1st at BSE
- Thank you to Sara for managing all gifts for Celebration of Giving.
- Thank you for the Kera for organizing the cookie exchange.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Shannon Hofer
 - \$117,000 in the bank and \$35,000 left in expenses this year
 - Please send in reimbursements so we can have an accurate reflection of the budget for next year.
- Old Business presented by Shannon Hofer
 - PTO board approved staff meal from Olive Garden
 - Lunch was provided for BSE being the number 1 elementary school, this was under \$1000 so it was approved by the board.
 - \$4,000 dollars will be sent to new school from BSE PTO
 - The options were 4000, 2000, or none and 4,000 passed with the majority.
 - Committee Chairs need to be filled ASAP
 - Now that we know the boundaries, please let us know what school you will be attending and get signed up for a committee!
 - Family Dinner Night: Runza

- \$335 from family dinner night
 - Brian will pick up the check
 - New Business presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Family Dinner Night: Pickleman's on Wednesday December 4th
 - 5-8pm
 - 20% back to BSE PTO
 - We will need a new chair for the Family Dinner Night Committee next year.
 - Celebration of Giving: Gifts due Wednesday December 4th
 - Bring gifts, drop them off at the office or Sara's house.
 - Holiday Cookie Exchange: Thursday December 19th
 - Be on the lookout for the sign up genius going out on Friday the 6th.
 - Winter Assembly: Sheltered Reality on Friday December 20th
 - Percussion group that promotes message of positivity.
 - Two sessions to break up school so there is room for everyone.
 - Lancer's Hockey Game: Friday January 10th
 - Sending out info via email.
 - This is an easy fundraiser and BSE PTO gets a kickback.
 - Yearbooks on sale for \$29
 - Do not forget to upload your pictures for the yearbook committee.
 - Thank You presented by Ashley Ladd
 - Celebration of Giving Committee
 - Holiday Cookie Exchange Committee
 - Important December Dates presented by Taylor Newman
 - 12th- Read and Feed
 - 19th- Holiday Cookie Exchange
 - 20th- Sheltered Reality Assembly
 - 20th- End of Second Quarter
 - 23rd- Winter Break Begins
 - Reminders presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
 - Next Meeting: **Tuesday February 4, 2025**
 - NO JANUARY MEETING
 - Kindergarten and 4th Grade teachers will be presenting
- Open Items: questions and comments
- Call to Close
 - Meeting was called to close by Rachel H. and Bonnie G.