

Blue Sage Elementary PTO Meeting: November 4, 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 Sara and Meegan.
- Introductions
 - PTO Board: Shannon Hofer- President, Ashley Ladd- Vice President, Taylor Newman- Secretary, Kristi Karas- Treasurer.
- Secretary Minutes: Approve from October 1, 2024
 - Minutes were approved by Brian K and Kara T.
- Second Grade Teacher's Report
 - Field trip went on field trip to Arbor Day Farms.
 - Thank you to PTO for stocking the fridge.
- Principal's Report presented by Amy Christ
 - Thank you to PTO for stocking the fridge.
 - Thank you to the health screening volunteers- it was so helpful to have all the volunteers with the number of kids at the school.
 - Thank you to the Fall Party volunteers for helping with parties.
 - Thank you to Trunk or Treat volunteers. BSE is so grateful for all the support from the parents.
 - State Testing Data will be shared next month.
 - Working with the district on playground servicing. EcoTurf surfacing will be redoing the playground surfacing hopefully in the spring.
 - In-service: focusing on depth of knowledge, been testing our own knowledge and growing in this area, focusing on personal development of teachers.
 - Veteran's Day Assembly- parents are welcome but it may be a little snug with the size of our school.
 - Celebrating of giving is coming up.
 - Report cards have been mailed home. Mid quarter reports will be sent home in Friday folders.
 - BSE is a polling site- there will be an armed guard at the school on election day. Polling will be in the gym. Staff will be extra aware as more people will be coming up to the school on November 5th. We have never had any issues and we hope that will continue this year.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Kristi Karas

- Fall fundraiser was 5,000 over our goal and this gives us a little breathing room throughout the year. This also gives us flexibility to approve not budget item requests
- 2,700 spent this year, 37,000 more coming out of the account this year.
- End year with at about 81,000.
- Goals Meeting Report presented by Ashley Ladd
 - All the PTO from schools meet at the foundation building once a quarter.
 - Women aid- 149 families that need help in Elkhorn this year, 422 kids this year.
 - Next school board meeting is November 11th.
 - Core team will be announced in November, Boundaries hopefully will be announced in December.
 - Bids for Kids raised approx. 70,000 this year and it goes towards funding after school programs in EPS.
- VOTE on Money to New School
 - Option 1: No Money
 - Option 2: \$2,000
 - Option 3: \$4,000
 - Majority will pass, please vote how you see fit.
 - \$4,000 won 8 votes to 4 votes- \$4000 dollars will be sent to the new school to help them get up and running. Thank you to all who voted.
- Old Business presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Kaelin and Jordan could not be here tonight but it was a great event!
 - We had 32 trunks and the kids had a great time.
 - Thank you to all volunteers.
 - Looking for volunteers to run this committee next year.
 - Family Dinner Night: Godfather's Pizza
 - Burger Detour was around \$460- this will be confirmed when the check comes in the mail hopefully sometime this week.
 - Spring Fundraiser: Ideas and volunteers needed- please bring any ideas to the board!
 - Please contact Shannon if anyone has any ideas or are interested in volunteering. Ashley reached out to Medieval Putt as a potential fundraiser- they give 30% back.
 - Hillrise- use Hyvee for the food for their carnival which is a great idea for the spring fundraiser- just an option to make it easier.
 - We want to have the carnival but want to make it as simple as possible.
- New Business presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Celebration of Giving: Gifts due Wednesday December 4th by 3:00pm
 - 149 families this year
 - Sign up genius on the November 18th

- Gifts will be dropped off at Sara's house instead of at BSE.
 - Requiring teacher name in comment section of the sign up genius.
 - Holiday Cookie Exchange: Friday December 20th
 - Lancer's Hockey Game: Friday January 10th
 - This is a great gift idea for Christmas.
 - Be on the lookout for the QR code in email.
 - Yearbook
 - Please upload photos using the QR code.
 - Link was sent via Classroom Coordinators.
 - Winter Assembly
 - Sheltered Reality- it was recommended by other schools.
 - No parents allowed due to school size.
 - Drumline with lights and interactive with the students.
 - Topics include anti-bullying and inclusion, pushing back the negative.
 - Friday December 20th mid-morning and afternoon.
 - PTO sponsors read and feed in December.
 - Family Dinner Night: Monday November 11th at Runza
 - Idea- teachers go to Runza to help and kids can see their teachers but it is tough to get them there.
 - Runza Rex will be at Runza on that day and they will also have some swag to hand out.
 - Trying to eliminate duplicates with the middle schools so they don't get scheduled so close together.
 - Volunteering/Committees for Next Year: Fun Run, Bash, Trunk or Treat, Staff Appreciation
- Thank You presented by Ashley Ladd
 - Trunk or Treat Committee
 - Such a great event and thank you to everyone.
 - Classroom Coordinators and Volunteers
 - 120 volunteers here for the Fall Party and the kids had a great time.
- Important November Dates presented by Taylor Newman
 - 11th- Veteran's Day Program at 2:00pm
 - 14th- 4th Grade Music Program at 5:30pm
 - 14th- 5th Grade Music Program at 6:30pm
 - 19th- Author Visit
 - 26th- Mid-Quarter Reports
 - 27th- 29th- Thanksgiving Break
- Reminders presented by Shannon Hofer
 - Submit receipts on PTO website: BlueSagePTO.com
 - Submit receipts so we have an accurate account for how much is being spent- this affects budgets for next year.
 - Next Meeting: **Tuesday December 3, 2024**
 - 1st grade teachers will be presenting

- Open Items: questions and comments
- Call to Close
 - Meeting was called to close by Bonnie and Kelsey.