

BENNIE ELEMENTARY PTA MINUTES

December 12th, 2024 6:30



The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and board introductions.

Present: Shannon Gilliam, Guy Taylor, Michael Bianchi, Ashlee Heitchue, Chelsea Honstain

The quorum was established with over 5 paid members present.

Agenda: The motion to accept the agenda was made by Autumn Mulka and seconded by Mrs. Bianchi

Minutes from November 14th 2024: Motion to approve minutes was made by Mrs. Kerr & seconded by Mrs. Bianchi

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Bianchi, Mrs. Seville & Mrs. Kerr were present. Mrs. Bianchi presented on behalf of the teachers. Mrs. Jensen was so grateful for the purchases made for the media/library. Mrs. Davis was grateful for the support she received for Run Club with plans to purchase new grade level flags and cones. Mrs. Smalley thanked the PTA for the mats we purchased for the gym. Mrs. Bianchi reported the book fair was awesome!

Principal's Report: Mr. Short extended his gratitude for parent/volunteer support for running the book fair which will be open following this meeting. He reports hearing great feedback on Bennie Gives Back; excellent reviews. Game night last week was also a success.

He reported to parents that the PTA gave \$1000 to each special at last meeting which was well received. Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser is complete; please email or parent connect Mr. Short if you are missing items. We achieved \$38,000 in sales with ~38% coming back to the school.

Report cards will be available Friday evening or Saturday morning. Assessments are coming in January (NWEA testing) for reading and math proficiency. We will be offering popcorn parties to grade levels that achieve proficiency if 50% proficiency is obtained. Reports will come home in February. Students will receive academic patches based on achievement.

Brain break assembly is next week. 5th grade concert is also next week; seat reservations available on an app now.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Bianchi reports that we presented the school resource check to Mr. Short so there was a large deduction from our account. We also deducted our special teachers donations which will reflect on next months budget. We also added line items for Mrs. Davis & Donuts with Grown Ups.

Secretary's Report: Chelsea received correspondence from Mrs. Woods & Mrs. Jensen expressed gratitude for the PTA books & equipment donation. Mrs. Riker was grateful for a well run book fair. Lastly, Mrs Smalley & Mrs. Bowdell were so grateful for their new gym mats and equipment donated by the PTA.

Old Business:

1. Rev'd Up made \$260 dollars. We will put a 3rd date on the books for a summer gathering,

New Business:

1. Founders Day

- a. We voted on the candidates for this year. This year will be 2/12 at Prestige. Awardees include:
 - i. Outstanding Program: Cross Categorical
 - ii. Business: Bella's Pizza
 - iii. Service: Autumn Mulka
 - iv. Support: Jamie Narken
 - v. Educator: Mrs. McCall

2. Bennie Olympics

- a. We will add a family friendly event this year. Parent/Student duos participate in some events. We are looking for some parents to serve on this committee. Date to be determined.

3. Music Trivia (Chelsea Honstain)

- a. 1/10. Tickets available now for \$10 payable via cash or venmo. Capacity is limited to 50 people. .

4. Email Issues

- a. If you aren't receiving emails from the PTA emails, please let one of us know. These emails often display the author (primarily shannon or chelsea) who drafted the email instead of the Bennie PTA email list.

5. Book Fair

- a. Book Fair ends tomorrow with Makeup Day for those who may have missed it. It's been successful this year. We will be choosing scholastic dollars as they helped us generously donate to special teachers.

6. 5th Grade Carnations

- a. 5th grade is selling carnations for \$2 each as a class fundraiser. These will also be available at the concert. .

7. Committee Updates

- a. We are looking for committee members for our first Bennie Olympics including chair people.

8. Bennie Gives Back

- a. The event had less attendance this year but received good feedback. "Reaching All in Need of Assistance" was our charity this year. We received lots of donations from the event.

9. Zap Zone

- a. Taylor Zap Zone January 29th. Wristbands will be available soon.

Adjourned at 7:20 pm.