

Bellaire Elementary School PTO Meeting

December 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the art classroom

Meeting called to order by Angela Lane

Attendance: Jeff Bell, Inelisa Fenderson, Sehija Becirovic, Christine Weidner, Katie Bordner, Katie Spencer, Janelle Green, Angela Lane, Blythe Foreman

Principal's Report: Jeff Bell

- Proposal about getting a sign for the front of the school. We are the only school in district that doesn't have a sign. Talked to two companies for quotes on digital signs. First company- 7 feet tall, 3.6' feet off ground, protective screen, full color is \$17,000. No color is about \$14,000. Second company- sign is on the ground, and about \$19,000 for cost. Will talk to district about covering some costs- installation, electricity, etc.
- Winter concert is next Wednesday, December 21, at 1:45 pm. Doors will open around 1:30 pm. Students in K-3 will sing, 4th and 5th grade chorus will perform, as well as 5th grade orchestra and band.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Lane

- overview of December Treasurer's report

Old Business:

Fundraising Ideas: Sign and Playground equipment for older grades

Color Run: brought in over \$11,000 dollars. Made \$7000 for school. Turn out of over 300 students

****it was brought up by PTO executive board and parents within the PTO that the money in the savings and CD accounts is way too much for a school's PTO. Putting this money towards big purchases (like a sign or playground equipment) would be a wise way to spend it.**

- Fall teacher luncheon: it was a great success for teachers, and so appreciated. Received \$240 dollars in monetary donations. Any leftover money will be put towards the Spring luncheon
- Holiday Shop: the students had a great time shopping. Katie Spencer and Blythe Foreman talked about some new ideas for the next year.
- Non Profit 501 (c) 3 : PTO and Mr. Bell want to pursue this. Mr. Bell will contact the district's business manager to see how to get started.

New Business:

- Bylaws- PTO cannot find bylaws for the Board. PTO Executive Board would like to re-vise or draft the bylaws.
Motion: Janelle Green, Seconded by Christine Weidner
- Assemblies/Clubs:
 - Drama club- with Miss Spadea and Miss Frank- great response from 5th graders and their parents!
 - Pokemon GO Club- Miss Spade and Ms Pluta- meet over at Dickinson on campus on Sunday, January 8 with the family and do scavenger hunt for Pokemon (information and sign up is on Facebook PTO Page)
 - Bricks for Kids- PTO emailed for information, will gather all the information and make a decision about adding to our after school activities
- Communications to the PTO: letter from Mrs. Evans
- Yearbook: Need more pictures, especially from Halloween Party. Send to Janelle Green (greenj@carliseschools.org) or upload to LifeTouch yearbook: community.lifetouch.com and enter school code: DZZPUF
- PTO Position: Book Fair co-chair for the spring to eventually then be in charge for next year
- New PTO Executive Board Member: welcome to Katie Bordner!!
- Teacher/School Requests:
 - Mrs. Green (1st grade) requested headphones for learning stations. Need more information- maybe do more research on what type of headphones she would need.

Parent/teacher comments, questions, concerns:

- Communication Committee- anyone who would like to help with this committee to get some kind of documentation about events and other information regarding the school. Email PTO's email (bellaireelementarypto@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping out.
- PTO Meeting in February- cancelled 2/14/2017

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the art classroom

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Minutes compiled by Blythe Foreman