

# **Bellaire PTO Meeting**

## **September 2016 General Meeting Minutes**

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

**Meeting called to order by** Fern-Marie Dempsey

**Attendance:** Amanda Moore, Robin Sherman-Witherow, Kristi Focht, Jody Chestnut, Meghan Kanazawa, Inelisa Fenderson, Andrea Seats, Carol Smith, Sarah Parker, Barrett Parker, Jess Chasteen, Jen Bitting, Christina Szabat, Michelle Baldwin, Katie Spencer, Angela Lane, Fern-Marie Dempsey, Blythe Foreman, Veronica M. Black, Traer Beaudette, Tina Garman, Stacy Shay, Jessica Shull, Christine Weidner, Katie Bordner, Jen Kerr, Jeff Bell

**Introduction of Board:** Fern-Marie Dempsey, Angela Lane, Katie Spencer, Blythe Foreman and Crystal Stryker as the 5-member board. Amanda Moore as Treasurer.

**Party Planning:** Jen Kerr

Three parties a year: Fall/Halloween - October 31

Winter/Holiday – December 22

Spring - April 12

All parties classroom based except for 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Party Handout: Guidelines

Lead sign up and party helpers

**Overview of Clearances-** any adult volunteering for parties, field trips, etc. need clearances

Website: Bring in the application form with all the clearances to the office at the same time

Give 4 weeks buffer to fill out clearances and be approved

Clearances are good for 5 years, and for any school within the district

**Principal's Report:** Jeff Bell

Drop off and pick ups are safer and more efficient. Thanks for following the rules and being patient with the change.

New staff members

International flags need to be ordered

Bellaire's Best: change to the program this year- each month will highlight a different character trait. September is Respect. Mr. Bell and Mrs. Evans go around to each class and talk to the students about the highlighted characteristic for the month. It's not just classroom teachers selecting students, but special teachers and cafeteria proctors as well.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Amanda Moore

Overview of the Budget: there are few changes: assemblies cost adjusted/ enrichment and clubs adjusted / field trips adjusted / babysitting for PTO meetings added / incentives added / teacher discretionary fund adjusted. Motion to approve: Robin Sherman-Witherow, seconded by Fern-Marie Dempsey.

Motion to have signors on account: Amanda Moore (Treasurer), Fern-Marie Dempsey and Angela Lane (members of the PTO board), and Jeff Bell (Bellaire Principal). Motion to approve: Blythe Foreman, seconded by Jen Kerr.

Overview of Checking account- Treasurer's Report

### **Old Business:**

Car Show Parking Fundraiser: Katie Bordner- we made \$2000, but parking spots were limited due to construction at Hamilton.

### **New Business:**

- Fundraising Ideas for 2016/17 school year:

Giant Aplus rewards: Log on to Giant website, go into bonus card and sign up for Bellaire to get rewards

Boxtops: trophy went to Ms. Frank's classroom

-collected first Friday of the month- winning classroom gets trophy and 5 minutes of extra recess

Domino's Pizza Night

Chipotle Family Night

Square One Art- idea proposed

- Spirit Wear: school t- shirts: Bulldog logo  
(proposed ideas of kids voting for the logo - penny contest; finding bulldog logo from years ago and using that consistently every year as logo)
- Family Fun Nights- different ideas for social events for families
- Fall Book Fair: Robin Witherow
  - September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>- set up and teacher preview
  - Monday- Wednesday: student shopping school hours
  - Tuesday- family event
  - Wednesday- kids event
  - Thursday- by 11 am last day to shop
  - Volunteers needed, forms sent home
  - Money raised- cash and scholastic dollars- for books for library and teachers
  - \*\*\*Robin is stepping down as lead next year- looking for someone to shadow\*\*\*
- Fall Teacher Luncheon/National Education Week: Dani Taylor lead
  - This year, celebrating Carlisle as oldest existing district in the state- 180 years
  - Luncheon- Wednesday, November 16
  - May Luncheon- usually 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May
- Positions open on the PTO
  - Book Fair- need someone for next year
  - Holiday Shop
  - Reading Calendars: Katie Bordner

**Parent concerns/questions:**

Katie Bordner: Instead of Race for Education- do a Color Race instead (tie into Running Club) in the fall- Sunday November 13

Running Club- Wednesday and Fridays after school from 3:30-4:15

Volunteer Incentive: your name will be entered into drawing for a gift card every time you come to volunteer for PTO based event, classroom party, etc. There will be a drawing and a winner every quarter (usually at the end of marking period)

**Next meeting is 10/11/2016 at 6:30 pm in the art classroom**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

**Minutes compiled by** Blythe Foreman