

Circle Benton Elementary
PTO Meeting
May 6, 2019 6:30 – 7:30PM

Meeting duration: 79 min | Call to order: 6:32 pm | Meeting end: 7:51 pm | Attendance: 13

Officer Reports:

Secretary: April 2019 Minutes – Read, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Treasurer: April 2019 Check Register - reviewed, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Room Mom Coordinator: No report.

Communications Coordinator: No Report.

Old Business:

- **Benton Day:** Concession stand traffic was slower than last year when we had people coming out of the dodge ball tournament that were purchasing. Maria and Natalie will attend the Lions Club follow-up meeting to express opinions as well as finding out what the idea is for next year. Our entry of the Thunderbird bus in the parade took 2nd place.
- **McDonald's Night:** Very good turnout, made just under \$800.00 for the school. We will plan on doing this next year.
- **Spring Tea:** Plenty of help and lots of food left over. When this was started it was the culmination of a month of lessons in manners and etiquette. In recent years these lessons have not been taught and with some students it showed. Teaching of manners will be brought back in next year.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** In process. Soups and sandwiches for the meal Thursday are ordered.

New Business:

- **Officer Elections:** Maria Engels, Taisha Tunnell, Robin Couey and Darci Smith will be staying on as President, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Coordinator respectively. Natalie Razey was nominated as Vice-President and voted into office. Katy Ryan and Christafina Muniz will jointly handle Room Mom Coordinator duties and Melissa Smith will work with Amy May next year on ordering food for all the different events.
- **Field Day – Bounce House & Supplies – Tuesday, May 21st:** No bounce house this year. Fab Families will do field day as a group and there will be a series of stations that will be visited in order. Supplies needed are water balloons, bottled water and snacks.
- **Teacher Grant Request:** Mr. Ediger requested a grant of \$479 to purchase 42 fishing poles and tackle boxes for STEM and PE classes next year. Both the high school and the middle school now have fishing programs and this would provide all the students with an early introduction for that as well as a fun activity. The grant was approved.
- **Musical – Tuesday, May 14th - Decorations:** Mrs. Hutchinson has indicated that she has everything that she needs with the exception of benches. Maria will check with her to verify that there isn't anything else needed and Jennifer Bonewitz has found some benches that can be borrowed.
- **6th Grade Pizza for Auction – Thursday, May 16th:** Natalie Razey is taking care of getting this.
- **FAB Popcorn – Thursday, May 16th for Friday:** We will once again purchase pre-popped popcorn and put it into bags for the students.

- **Kindergarten Luau – JJ – Monday, May 20th:** JJ's shaved ice truck will be at the school on Monday, May 20th for the kindergarten luau. PTO will cover the cost of shaved ice for the rest of the school as well.
- **School Supply Boxes:** The district has not made a final decision on supply lists for next year and time is running short to be able to offer this option to the parents next year. Mr. Leis will be attending an administrator meeting tomorrow and will see what he can find out.
- **Meet the Teacher Night:** This will once again be held the night before school starts. PTO will consider purchasing shirts for sale as well as for those working the welcome table for identification purposes.
- **PTO Mixer:** This will be held again in the fall. No date set at this time.

Updates:

Principal Update:

- The swing set has been received and is at the district shop. Plans had been for district maintenance staff to install but they were unable to before mowing season started. We may need volunteers for installation.
- Preschool will be happening at Benton next year. We have space for up to 30 spots, half of which have to be "at risk" students. Two sessions daily 8:15 to 11:15 and 12:15 to 3:15. No transportation plans at this time.
- Mr. Leis plans on starting a school Facebook page next year to allow parents further knowledge of how their students days are spent as well as providing information on things happening at school. He will coordinate with Darci Smith who manages the PTO Facebook page on this.

Counselors Update: No update.

Teachers Update: Thank you for everything this year!

Library Update: No update.

Benton Backyard: We need to possibly consider doing a fundraiser for this next year as expenses are running more than what the box tops bring in. Possibly a mum or poinsettia sale. Some of the children have asked about planting strawberries next year.

Box Tops Coordinator: No report.

Thursday Moms: No report.

Meeting adjournment motioned, seconded and passed: 7:51 pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, August 5th, 6:30pm in the school library.