

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

Meeting duration: 75 min | Call to order: 6:30pm | Meeting end: 7:45pm | Attendance: 12

Officer Reports:

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

Treasurer: September 2019 Finance report – Summarized, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Room Mom Coordinator: All rooms have a Room Mom. An initial email has gone out to the room moms explaining their responsibilities and reminding them about the upcoming fall parties.

Communications Coordinator: Directories should go out within the next week. We will print them this year but may discuss having an electronic version next year instead. There will be a signup genius going out for conference dinner sides and desserts.

President – 2019 Board Goals – Carry over from last year:

- **Trash Bag Sale – Fundraiser Note/Facebook Post:** Made a good profit with a higher participation rate than we've had before. There will be notes going home and/or a Facebook post about profits, participation and potential uses for the funds raised.
- **Parent Night at Stearman:** The mixer went well. Attendance was better than last year and had some new families attending. Service at Stearman was a bit of an issue – hoping they get their issues resolved before next year.
- **Homecoming Parade Float:** Teachers had a great time participating in the parade. This year was much more well organized.
- **Vintage & Artisan Sale – Sept 21st:** We had plenty of people to help out but numbers attending the sale were pretty small and we only made around \$30.00. May want to consider passing this off to the 6th grade next year if the sale repeats.

New Business:

- **Writing Contest:** Theme is “20 Years from Now”. This year's contest has been rolled out to students. We are having problems finding parents who want to help with this going forward. Maybe do a signup genius to get parents to help with specific jobs such as typing up the certificates and helping with the reception. Maybe have a night to have a group get together to put the books together. We need to publicize this more; parents from the younger grades have no idea what it is and that is where we need to build interest. Will try to put something together with some of the history of the contest.
- **Chipotle Dinner – Tomorrow Night:** Come have dinner at Chipotle! We will get % of sales from 4 to 8 for those who either show the flyer, the Facebook post or mention the fundraiser.
- **Conference Dinner – Tuesday 10-22:** Soup and Sandwiches. Amy May will get with Tanya's Soup Kitchen for the soup – Tomato Bisque and Chicken & Noodles. Will have a signup genius for sides and desserts.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast – Wednesday, October 30th 7:15:** Meghan Shave will pick up the donuts from Krispy Kreme that morning. Amy May will take care of getting them ordered and getting juice.
- **FAB October 18th Pictures:** Darci will put something out on Facebook requesting volunteers to help with the pictures.

- **Grant Request – All grades and teachers:** \$1500 requested for a match of half of the cost of school wide implementation of the Reflex math program. CBE will provide the other half. After a live demonstration of the program a motion was made to provide the funds, seconded and approved.
- **Spring Fling:** Next meeting – come with ideas to do something different! Maybe do a tie in with Benton Day

Updates:

Principal Update: Facilities meeting held previous week. CBE remains at the top of the list with the most significant issues. Various options are still being considered including which parts of the CBE building can be salvaged and how best to proceed, whether Towanda Intermediate could relocate to Towanda Elementary with an expansion of the elementary building or what other options would work there and if Greenwich will also be looking at an expansion due to housing growth in their area. Hoping to have a bond vote take place in the spring. Significant growth in recent years primarily from the east and west sides of the district has allowed for a unique opportunity to prepare a bond issue that will be at little to no tax increase to district patrons. Meetings will continue to be held to determine what the needs are and how best to address them.

Counselors Update: Word of the month is Courage. Talking about doing the right thing, standing up for self and others. Predictive assessments are also coming up.

Teachers Update: See grant request in New business. 1st grade had their apple day and made applesauce. Kindergarten will be going to Walters Pumpkin Patch Thursday. 3rd grade is working on multiplication and cursive.

Library Update: Peter Lerangis visit went well. Pictures will be provided for Facebook site.

Benton Backyard: N/A.

Box Tops Coordinator: N/A

Thursday Moms: N/A

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, November 4th, 6:30pm in the school library.