

Circle Benton Elementary
PTO Meeting
November 5, 2018 6:30 – 7:30PM

Meeting duration: 74 min | Call to order: 6:30pm | Meeting end: 7:44pm | Attendance: 19

Officer Reports:

Secretary: October 2018 Minutes – Read, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Treasurer: October 2018 check register - reviewed, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Room Mom Coordinator: Fall parties went well.

Communications Coordinator: Will be offering spirit wear again this year. Waiting on pricing.

Old Business:

- **Conference Dinner:** Dinner went well.
- **Fall Parties:** Parties went well; classrooms seemed to have plenty of adults helping.

New Business:

- **Honor Roll Breakfast – Wednesday, November 7th:** Donuts are ordered and Mrs. Shave will pick up. Orange juice is in the refrigerator.
- **Veteran’s Day Program – Friday, November 9th @ 8:30 am:** Everything is taken care of for this. It was brought up that it would be nice to have it on the observed holiday so that if there were adults that were off for the holiday they could attend without having to miss work. Next year both the date and the observed holiday fall on Monday so program will probably be held then.
- **Family Feast:** Not being held this year. May try to plan a family event later in the year.
- **Music Programs – Thursday, Dec 6 (4-6) & Tuesday, Dec 11 (K-3) DVD Sales & Decorations:** The videographer has been reserved. We are not sure about making the DVD’s this year and they may not be back before Christmas. It is unknown at the moment whether Mrs. Hutchinson wants help with decorating – we will address this at the next meeting since we meet again before the programs are held.
- **Merry Mondays begin December 3:** Darci will set up a sign up genius for this similar to what was done last year and get information out for people to sign up.
- **Grant Request:** Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. McGown have requested \$580 to cover their letter learning events such as Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad. Grant was approved.
- **Spring Fling Discussion:** While we would like to do something different this year whatever we do needs to provide an equal amount of funds. Discussions included doing some sort of carnival with rides and food on Benton Day but as we haven’t gotten rides booked we don’t believe there is time to do it for this year. After discussion it was decided to keep spring fling but to make some changes:
 - We will do a sign up to run/work at games rather than doing them by class.
 - Prizes – no longer do a prize room. Take the budget that would have been used for that and use it to purchase some of the pop, fish, candy, etc that you win at some of the games. For the games that don’t have a winner that gets something as well as for those that don’t win, they will be given a ticket that can be put into a raffle basket that the students win.
 - Raffle baskets for students – will be some fun things that the students would want to win. Ideas included doing something after hours with a teacher, principal for a day, pajama day for the class, pizza party for the class.

- To increase interest in the auction at least part of the items will be done as a live auction. Could do announcements throughout the evening that at such and such times certain items will be auctioned.

Now is the time to start planning spring fling. In order to make sure that all donations are gathered for the auction as well as other planning items there will be two meetings held on Monday, December 3rd for those interested in helping. The times for the meetings will be 3:15 and 6:00 in the library to try to allow everyone interested to attend one of them.

Updates:

Principal Update: T-shirts for I Can Read program were ordered as we were out. There is a line item on the budget for these that is less than what was spent but since they are only ordered every other year the cost was less than the two year budget. The swing set has been ordered. The cost was \$3,732.00 which was less than estimated.

Counselors Update: No report.

Teachers Update: Thank you for the conference dinner.

Library Update: No report.

Benton Backyard: No report

Box Tops Coordinator: No report.

Thursday Moms: No report.

Meeting adjournment motioned, seconded and passed: 7:44 pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, December 3rd, 6:30pm in the school library.