

**Circle Benton Elementary
PTO Meeting
January 8, 2018 6:30 – 7:30PM**

Meeting duration: 70 min | Call to order: 6:30pm | Meeting end: 7:40pm | Attendance: 15

Officer Reports:

Secretary: December 2017 Minutes – Read, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Treasurer: December 2017 check register reviewed, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Room Mom Coordinator: Next up – Valentine's Day parties

Communications Coordinator: N/A

Old Business:

- **FAB Caroling:** Had a good turnout for caroling and plenty of cups for hot chocolate when they returned to school.
- **Music Programs:** Good turnout. DVD's are in process.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast:** Breakfast is Wednesday, January 10th at 7:15. Amy May will take care of getting donuts and juice. Marcy Shephard will help out in the future.

New Business:

- **Book Fair – January 29th – February 2nd; Family night Tuesday, January 30th from 5 to 8 PM:** Chris Cakes will be providing pancake dinners for \$5 per person again. This day will be a pajama day at school. Darci will do a Sign Up Genius to get helpers for the library and to help with the dinner.
- **Spring Fling – Update on Silent Auction/Committee:** Abby and Taisha will contact vendors for silent auction items. May try to do more different things that are not necessarily donated items from vendors – class pajama day, pizza party for a class, movie/bowling/some activity with teacher. One thing we would like to do is have better tracking of dollars raised. In the past the only individual number that we really had was from the silent auction. This year we would like to have a good idea of money raised by ticket sales, food sales and the raffle as well. Room moms will be responsible for games in their rooms and getting people to staff them. Darci will ask Cara Dennison to contact Mary Reece about getting the bounce house again this year.
- **Fundraiser:** There have been some complaints that the trash bags are not as durable this year; many people have had issues with them ripping. Misty will check with the company to let them know about the issues and to see if they changed something this year.
- **Tea Party:** Is this event happening this year? Maria will check with Mrs. Hutchinson to find out status.
- **Writing Contest:** The goal is to have the awards ceremony on March 8th. Currently waiting on laptop with software to get submissions ready to print.

Updates:

Principal Update: None

Counselors Update: Word for the month is Commitment. Working with students on setting and achieving goals as well as talking about interests and personal strengths and how those things fit into what they may want to do in life. Assessments for grades 3 – 6 will be coming up – PTO will do snacks and need to have them at the school by the first of March.

Teachers Update:

- Mrs. Shave – teaching government. Will also be doing after school Stem club again on Mondays during February. Thank you again for the stem grant money; items have been purchased and bins are being set up to be available for teacher check out by the end of the month.
- Mrs. Herrmann 1st grade is getting ready for their Kansas Day program. January 30th is the 100th day of school for the year.

Library Update: 12 Days of Reading was very successful this year with over 40 readers for the students.

Benton Backyard: None.

Box Tops Coordinator: Box tops will be due 2/15/18.

Thursday Moms: How do we get more involvement with this group? Need to make sure that parents understand that once they know the codes and the routines, they could volunteer other days. Would a social networking event aimed at parents assist in getting more involvement throughout PTO? Checking into an event at Stearman with possibly some entertainment that would allow parents to mingle and get to know existing PTO parents with the goal of more involvement. One other idea was to have a Welcome to our School group – built off the idea of the Welcome Wagon – to welcome new families to our school.

Meeting adjournment motioned, seconded and passed: 7:40 pm

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