

Benton PTO Meeting – September 14th, 2009
Call to order @ 6:30pm

Welcome and introduction of board members and PTO members.

Officer Reports

May minutes distributed, reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Room Mother Coordinator report – Very few room mom volunteers so far. Very few PTO registration forms completed. This is thought to be related to online school registration. PTO members must complete registration form and pay each year. Payment helps offset the cost of printing telephone directory. Chris will send out an e-mail reminding people to sign-up for PTO and request room moms.

Ice Cream Social & T-shirt orders – Ran out of food. Will keep food # records for future reference. Made a little more through donations than we spent on food. School t-shirts are \$5, due by end of this week. Sales goal is 310, but will order 10% extra. Shirt printing will change from “under construction” to this year's BGS theme “learning zone”. Sample sizes suggested for next year.

PTO registrations – Forms will be available on line, and a copy will be sent home with each student. Volunteer list will be generated from these forms and provided to the various committee coordinators.

Library update- Total book fair sales were \$5,241, with library earning 25%. Scholastic is providing fewer incentives, fewer books, and charging for gas to deliver books. Will look into other book fair providers.

Committee Reports

Fundraiser – Entertainment books are rolled out. Goal is 700 books. Other schools have sold books ahead of us.

Taking suggestions for sales goal reward.

Tuesday/Thursday Moms – Cynthia Bessent - Tues/Thurs. mom liaison. Teachers can use her as a contact for volunteer projects. Library needs help with re-labeling books. Motion made and approved to spend up to \$200 for PTO room supplies. Chris requesting donated used or new shelves for PTO storage room, needing 3-4 8ft. shelving units.

Box Tops/Tyson A+ Project – Nicole Mandina will coordinate.

Cartridge Recycling – volunteer needed

PTO Staff Pals – Carrie Messmore will coordinate.

Writing Contest – A possible theme for this year is “Wishes and Dreams”. The inspiration for the theme comes from the historical events of the last Presidential election and the thought that you can be anything you want to be. A grant might be possible. Discussion on making this a line item in the PTO budget.

Landscape – Last year's student projects completed, and only lost one spruce. Open to new project ideas. Teachers seem interested in one project a year but not an ongoing project. Learning Garden isn't realistic at this time. Plan to fertilize plantings, address the BGS sign, and weed/maintain current plantings. Mr. Burgess would like to see a digital sign in the future. Motion made and approved to spend up to \$1,300 (same as last year) on landscape projects.

BGS Phone Directory – Beth Wood-Chair, Tereisa Morgan-Co-Chair, Amy Cordell to help. Beth wants help with editing. September 25th is advertisement deadline.

Fireworks – PTO made almost \$2,700. Proud to announce most all of the BGS teachers and staff volunteered their time along with volunteer parents. Big Thanks! Next year PTO plans to sell burgers and hot dogs on the weekends.

New Business

2009-2010 Budget – Audit of accounts took place prior to tonight's meeting. PTO Sams card names will change each May. Federal EIN and State Sales Tax Exemptions are in place.

FAB – Motion made and approved to spend up to \$500 for FAB. Volunteers needed to help with tie-dye/spray paint FAB shirts on September 25th. Wear old clothes.

Announcements

Principal Update- Midterm results online by this Thursday. NWEA testing starts next week. Test for 2-6th grades.

Teacher update – 5th grade teacher Sara Rhodes shared a note from her substitute praising the 5th graders and their behavior. Music teacher Mrs. Haynes reminded everyone that this year's music programs will be held at the Circle Middle School. Address any positive responses or concerns regarding this move to Mr. Burgess. Mrs. Haynes praised Alyssa Donnelly's organization of last year's Tea Party.

Carlos O'Kelley's – has offered exclusive rights to sell coupons for almost 100% profit. PTO will discuss if project will be for entire school or used as a 6th grade fundraiser.

Benton Grade School PTO Meeting- October 5th, 2009
Call to order @ 6:30pm

Welcome

Carlos O'Kelly's coupons will sell for \$10 and will generate nearly 100% profit for BGS. Carlos O'Kelly's representative could not attend this meeting. Discussed using as an all school fundraiser, or for the 6th grade auction. It was suggested coupons not be sold before the end of 2009 because of other two fundraisers. Concerns expressed about too many fundraisers in one year. Decision tabled.

Officer Reports:

September minutes approved

Treasurer's report – Andrea Wicks suggested we eliminate Playground Fund & Technology Fund due to lack of use in a long time. Suggestion made we combine the two funds and purchase new playground balls and any other playground items. Motion made and approved. Mr. Burgess will look into items needed.

Room Mother Coordinator report – Alyssa Donnelly has all the room moms assigned and they've met. Chris Gilmartin has a mater list of volunteers from PTO sign-up. This can be used by committee members for event planning.

T-shirt orders will be here in 2 weeks. 250 shirts were ordered, down 61 from last year. Extras will be available to sell at events and to new students.

Committee Reports:

Library Update- none

Fundraiser- 522 entertainment books were sold and PTO earned \$5,050. A HUGE thanks to the Mandina family for selling more than half of this total ! Sally Foster sale scheduled to begin October, 23rd.

Tuesday/Thursday helpers keeping busy. Staci Deffenbaugh is compiling a list of PTO supplies needed in the work room. Chris will purchase items @ Sam's Club.

Box Tops/Tyson Labels- Nicole Mandina - Deadlines for box top collections are Oct. 15th and Feb. 12th. We strongly encourage these to be trimmed closely on the dotted line. A communication will be sent out about box tops & Tyson Labels.

Cartridge Recycling- volunteer needed

Teacher Appreciation- dinner on Tuesday night, Oct. 27th. Sign up send around for food, you can prepare items yourself or donate money for Sandi Parr to purchase food items. Please contact her if you want to help with food, set-up, clean-up, or anything else she needs.

PTO Pals- PTO Pals are secret pals of BGS staff members. A secret pal is asked to touch base with their pal each month. Ideas are as simple as a card, note, poem, candy bar, baked goods, can of pop or any thing else to surprise them each month. This is a fun way to let the staff of BGS know how much we appreciate them. These are small tokens and ask that you not spend more than \$5.00 on these items. Please see Carrie Messmore (cmessmore@cox.net) to participate. A staff member profile is provided to help you get to know your pal.

Writing Contest- will kick off this Tuesday, Oct. 6th. Awards assembly will be in April.

Landscape- wants to replace a dead tree. The committee welcomes any tree donations.

Unfinished Business

- Chris is getting a bid on an electronic sign.

Announcements

Principal update-

- A game table was donated to the school. It could possibly be used for Spring Fling. Looking for a volunteer "handy" person who could check it over and make any possible repairs.
- Considering a site council for BGS. See Mr. Burgess for more information and volunteer opportunity.
- P/T conferences 10/26 thru 10/30
- No school 10/16, 10/29 & 10/30
- NWEA testing completed. Results may be available in time for conferences.

Benton Grade School PTO Meeting- November 2nd, 2009

Call to order @ 6:35pm

Welcome

Carlos O'Kelly's coupons were explained by Carlos rep. Deb Belknap. Coupons good @ any location. Sold in Wichita by BGS only for 100% profit. Motion made and approved to let 6th graders sell coupons for their year end auction. Will discuss further in January if coupons will be used as a whole school fundraiser in the spring.

Officer Reports:

October minutes reviewed in advance on line and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved. Playground balls totaled more than was approved last month. Motion made and approved to spend up to \$600. on playground balls and other items. Mr. Burgess will order this month.

Room Mother Coordinator report- Fall parties are completed. Suggested we select a Spring Fling prize room coordinator- Cynthia Wilson volunteered. Need to adjust number of tickets assigned to mid range items, may need to increase number of tickets required , may need to purchase more mid range prizes- ran out of these prizes last year.

T-shirt orders are in and will be distributed on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

New Business:

Motion made and approved to purchase shelving and clear storage containers for the PTO storage room. Chris will purchase and assemble shelving, Cynthia will purchase containers.

PTO banner- motion made and approved to purchase PTO banner (approx. \$100.) to be used at events.

Honor Roll Breakfast 11/04 @ 7:15am. 90 students made honor roll. PTO provides doughnuts.

Nicole will compile a list of programs/coupons/links that can be used to benefit BGS.

Committee Reports:

Library update- library has been through 2,000 labels updating books for new computer program. Might be 1/3 through fiction books. Still need help labeling, will send out a request for a help day. See Misty Gahagan any time you can help. Parents have access to Renaissance Home Connect to follow your student's library book reading progress. You can help BGS when you make purchases on Amazon.com. By going first to the BGS Website and clicking the link to Amazon.com, your purchases will apply credit to our BGS library.

Secret Pals- still looking for volunteers to take a BGS secret pal. This is an opportunity to thank our staff in "small" ways throughout the year. See Carrie Messmore if you can help or want to take an additional pal.

Fundraiser- 2nd fundraiser is due Friday, November 6th.

Tuesday/Thurs. helpers- keeping busy with teacher items, inflated balls in each class.

Box Tops- collected 7,721 box tops for a profit of \$770. This is the largest amount collected to date. Top classes were Duryea (995), Hatfield (973), McCulley (618), and Scott (611). Top class gets a Pizza or Doughnut party. Benton Post Office and Water office agreed to keep a box top collection box for community involvement. Will see if the Church and beauty shop will collect too.

Cartridge Recycling- looking for an additional place that takes cartridge Cartridges for Kids doesn't take.

Teacher Appreciation- Sandy & Rachel headed up food and decorations for the staff conference dinner. Thanks to them and all who helped with the event.

Writing Contest- no report

Landscape- concrete circles to be poured around trees on SW front side of school. Work to be completed this fall. Tammy Foulston got a large tree donated and will be planted by the Cub Scouts this month.

Announcements:

Teacher announcements- thank you for the wonderful dinner and for all the parents do.

Principle update- considering a "cafeteria style" parent teacher conference in the spring. Staff will be available on first come, first serve basis. This way you can meet with all your student's teachers.

New Circle grade school expected to open doors for 2011-2012 school year.

Misty and Beth will work on request for new school digital camera, and camcorder for next month' meeting.

Benton Grade School PTO Meeting- December 7th, 2009
Call to order @ 6:30pm

Welcome

Officer Reports:

November minutes approved

Treasurer report- read and approved

Room Mother report- Teachers in charge of classroom Christmas parties, room moms can check with teacher to offer any supplies or support.

Carlos O'Kelly's update- 6th grade has sold approx. 28 coupon sheets to date. Not enough publicity about sales. Will discuss, @ Jan. PTO meeting, whether or not to continue with 6th grade sale or open to whole school fundraiser. Concerns raised with doing a third school fundraiser. Coupons sales for 6th grade to continue through Dec. and possibly into basketball season after the 1st of the year. Remainder of coupons should be returned to Carlos.

New Business

Storage shelving- Shelving purchase pending, quantities gone at sale price. Storage bins purchased.

Directory- will be completed and distributed Dec. 8th. \$370 to print & sold \$200 in advertisements to offset the expense. Need to collect ads earlier next year.

PTO Banner- motion made and approved to print two sided banner. Available Dec. 14th.

12 Days of Christmas- going as planned. Readers signing-up. Food coming in for Staff Lounge.

Other- Possibility of an online survey on how BGS & PTO are doing. Discussed how effective Tiger Tales is on line instead of sending hard copy home. Want to send hard copy home with each student for remainder of the year, while promoting parents to get on line & read more of Tiger Tales. Attempting to make an easier transition for Tiger Tales on line next year.

Committee Reports

Library- KAKE TV to film "What's Cool with Your School" @ BGS. Will air Christmas Eve.

Teacher Liaison- the following items were wish requests from teachers: Library Scanner, (6) MP3 Players, (3) digital cameras, (2) Flip Camcorders, Card Stock, (3-4) Smart MIMO Boards (approx.\$750), VHS to DVD Converter, Novel Studies, Star Lab, Projector in Lab, Flash Drives, Color Ink Cartridges, Virtual Listening Center, "other" Camcorder. Motion made and approved to spend up to \$5,000 for some of these items... not including: "other" Camcorder, Color Cartridges, Star Lab & Projector.

ICE Machine- broken & not repairable. Circle School Board will not approve purchase of a replacement machine. PTO requested to purchase a new machine. Prices range \$2,000.-\$4,000. Discussion on whether or not board might match PTO donation. Motion made and approved that Chris possibly purchase a machine, for a price better than retail, at Sunflower Rest. Supply auction (up to \$4,000).

Tues./Thurs helpers- doing fine

Box Tops/Tyson A+- collection boxes located at rural water office and post office. Next collection is Feb. 11th. Winners had pizza, popcorn, & movie. Tyson label count at 50, need 100 before you can collect prize. Continue to receive Campbell Soup labels, not enough to redeem.

Teacher Appreciation- doing fine.

Writing Contest & Landscape Reports- none

Announcements

Principal Report- former BGS employee, Christy Breault, to have a book signing @ Watermark book store for her latest book "The Lost Colony". NO SCHOOL 12/23- 1/03/2010. No new information on the New School boundaries or opening date. Motion made and approved to reimburse Mrs. Haynes for Christmas Program candy giveaways.

PTO Meeting Agenda
January 4th , 2010 6:30pm
Next PTO meeting is 2/01/2010 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

Officer Reports:

- December '09'Treasurer Report
- Room Mother Coordinator Report

New Business

- Cancellation of school field trips Mr. Burgess (Parent Request)
- Ice Maker Update (Repaired for \$323.64)
- Survey-Beth Wood
- Technology update-Mrs.Gahagan/ Mrs. Wood

Committee Reports:

- Library Update Mrs. Gahagan
- PTO Secret pals-Karri Messmore
- Carlos O Kelly's-Mary
- Fundraiser -Cynthia Wilson
- Tues/Thursday's Helpers –Stacey Deffinbaugh
- Box Tops/Tyson A+ Project –Nicole Mandina
- Cartridge Recycling –Linda Longshaw
- Teacher Appreciation -Rachael Brown
- Writing Contest-Iris Cox-Pearce
- Landscape-Rachael/Dee McKenna

Announcements:

- Principal Update-
 - o New School
 - o No School 01/18
 - o BGS Honor Roll Breakfast 7:15am 1/13/10
- School/Teacher Announcements

February Meeting Minutes.
Benton PTO February 1st 2010.

Meeting called to order at 6:32 and January treasurers report was reviewed and accepted by vote.

January meeting minutes posted online for review. No questions

New Business-

Landscape project presented to the board and was approved as a project for boy scouts to improve and update around the school sign.

Spring fling updated and all is on track for March 6th. Chris has silent auction and Mary will take on Baskets.

Benton Days is April 24th and Jennifer Wilson will take care of the Dodge Ball tournament with her husband again this year. Chris and Brandi will take care of concessions and is looking for volunteers to work.

Technology update was given by Mrs. Gahagan with a follow up in March.

Committee reports-

Library update was also given for the book fair. Totals were not available at the time of the meeting. 8 Pizzas were pre-sold.

Fundraiser update. Cynthia was not present.

Tuesday/Thursday helpers going well. Need to determine priority of workload. Decision made with Mr. Burgess to communicate to staff that work done by T/Tmoms would be first in first out.

Box-tops due date are 2/11 and Nicole is working on sorting and preparing for mailing in. will determine class winners by March meeting. Raised over \$700 dollars last time.

Teacher appreciation next is Parent/teacher conferences on March 9th.

Writing contest- all entries are in from the Judgers and making booklets now. Looking on what can be done for students who place all 4 years. Suggestion is lunch with the principal or something similar. Talking through precedence. Will report on how many have qualified in the past and discuss options for recognition in the future.

Announcements-

Ice machine purchased and installed. Repair did not work and would cost more to repair than replace.

Cancellation of school field trips and the opportunity to fund with PTO moneys for future field trips was put on hold per Mr. Burgess request and waiting on more feedback from Mr. Keller.

Request for additional funds for FAB. Only has \$114 in account and approved moving \$500 over for the balance of the year needs.

Mr. Burgess also requested \$100 per teacher to allow for ordering of room supplies for next year by May so supplies would be at the school by the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

March 2009

Notes not available.

Benton Grade School PTO – April 5th, 2010

Call to order @ 6:33

Welcome

JT Enterprises fundraiser presentation

Officer Report

Treasury Report read and approved.

New Business

Circle Greenwich Elementary seed money discussed. Approved BGS PTO gifting \$1,500. seed money to new school.

Officer Selection committee- nominations are President- Susan Page, VP-Nicole Mandina, Sec.- Tammy Foulston, Treas.-Sandy Koontz, Teacher Liaison- Misty Gahagan. Nominations still open for anyone interested in PTO office 2010/2011 school year. Officers voted in @ May PTO meeting.

State Tax-New ID this week.

Fundraising Chairman- Brenda Young & Amy Cordell volunteered to chair next year's fundraising event. 3 options will be presented for a vote @ May PTO meeting.

Spring Fling net was approx. \$5,100. Thanks to all volunteers who make it possible.

Benton Day- is Saturday, April 24th. PTO will sponsor concession stand. Contact Chris Gilmartin if you can help work the event. Rusty Eck truck will be present again for raffle.

Technology update- none

Fireworks stand- PTO will again be helping sell fireworks this summer. Volunteers will be needed to work shifts. Stacy D. & Mary K. will chair volunteer coordinator. Need volunteers to work shifts. Money raised from sales goes back to BGS PTO.

Committee Reports

Library update- Brain Pop renewal is due for \$255. Considering opening BGS Library on designated day for AR testing. Considering a "Celebration" promotion where people can donate new hardback books to the BGS Library. Donated books would include a book plate recognizing the donor, who it is in honor of, and event book was donated for (B-day, graduation, thank you...).

PTO Secret Pals- plan to identify yourself to your pal in May.

Fundraiser report- none

Tuesday/Thursday helpers- need help next two weeks with Spring Music Program stage props. Mrs. Haynes would like flower donations for program... see her to help.

Box Tops- \$337. raised with this last drive. Pizza party planned for Mrs. Duryea's class with most box tops, and Mrs. Scott & Mrs. Jacobson are runners-up with popcorn parties! Tyson A+ label are at \$250. Campbell soup labels to be donated to Oil Hill.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 10th-14th. Look for information soon.

Writing Contest- Award assembly completed. One writing contest book per family to be sent home soon.

Landscape- Boy Scouts will be cleaning-up and planting at the school sign.

Would like to have someone work on the Bell in the future.

Announcements

No School 4/25

5/05 Tea Party. Look for information to come home.

5/20/10 Last day of school.

Power school- click on grade in a subject and you can see individual assignments grades per subject.

Benton Grade School PTO – May 3rd, 2010

Call to order @ 6:36pm

Kris Livingston- Volunteers needed for field days. 20+ volunteers needed for K-3rd field day on Wed., May 19th. 25+ Volunteers needed for 4th-6th field day on Thurs., May 20th. Please call the BGS office to sign-up. PTO approved motion to purchase drinks and snacks for field days. Chris will first check with Dillons stores for charitable donations.

Check out “Flat Stanley” projects that have been collected from across the world.

Officer Reports

Treasury Report read and approved. Budget for 2010-2011 proposed and approved. Will keep playground equipment line item to continue replacing old balls, and will consider also purchasing indoor games for bad weather days. Net \$682. @ Benton Day, including Grill & Dodge Ball.

Davis Laughlin from Circle Middle School is nominated for Top Teacher Award on Regis & Kelly.

Benton Day- Rusty Eck- Adopt-A-School/car giveaway raised \$490. for BGS so far through raffle donations.

New Business

Officer Elections- Officers were elected and approved for next year: Susan Page-President, Nicole Mandina-VP, Sandy Koontz- Treas., Tammy Foulston- Secretary, Misty Gahagan-Teacher Liaison.

Tax resolution- still paying tax. President, Treasurer, & Secretary to keep copies.

Fundraiser Committee- Brenda Young & Amy Cordell presented fundraiser ideas. JT Enterprise was selected for next year, possibly kicked-off in October. CMS will also do JT Ent. on first week of school, but will sell from different catalogs.

Fireworks stand- PTO will participate in selling fireworks. See Staci Deffenbaugh or Mary Kunkel to volunteer. Proceeds from BGS volunteers go to BGS PTO. Dates are June 26- July 4th. Possibility of grilling and selling food on weekends.

Adopt-A-School Grant Program- Grants still available for this school year. Teachers need to apply now.

Committee Reports

Library Update- Library will be open over summer break for BGS students to take AR tests. These scores can be applied to reading goals for first 9 weeks. Proposed time is from 9-noon every two weeks. Details to be provided soon.

PTO Secret Pals- It is time to identify yourself to you secret pals.

Box Tops- Year total over \$1,000. Need 100 Tyson chicken labels to submit... we have 92 so far. Capri Sun collections were discussed and voted down because thought to be messy and no volunteer to collect.

Cartridge Recycling- no report

Teacher Appreciation week is May 10-14th. Information went home explaining theme for each day. PTO to provide snacks this year instead of room assignments.

Announcements

PTO member requested PTO consider purchasing a new microwave for teacher's lounge. Old microwave takes too long to heat food. A parent has one at home she wants to donate.

Sunshine Fund/Social Committee- would like to recognize 6 staff members who are leaving @ the end of this school year. PTO approved purchase of gift cards, Misty Gahagan will purchase.

Principal Update- Kindergarten orientation 5/06 & 5/07. BGS K-6 Tea Party 5/04/10. BGS field days 5/19 for K-3rd and 5/20 for 4-6th. May 20th is last day of school.