

# Blue Ball Elementary School PTO Minutes

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

## Blue Ball Elementary PTO

Principal  
Curt McCaskey

### **PTO BOARD**

President  
Beth Davis

Vice President  
Janina Pinkas

Secretary  
Tracy Finegan

Treasurer  
Kendra Babb

### **COMMITTEES**

Fundraising: Beth Davis

Box Tops & Labels for Education  
{2016-2017 NEED MEMBERS}  
Janina Pinkas

Spirit Wear  
Beth Davis

Hospitality {NEED COORDINATOR}

Volunteer & Workroom  
LeaAnn McDonald

Special Events  
~ Family Events: PTO Board  
~ All Pro Dads: Michael Lewis  
& Beth Davis  
~ STEM Fair: Jeff Hochhaus &  
Jessica Wilson  
~ Assemblies: PTO Board

WELCOME TEACHERS and RETURNING FACES!!

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

**Attendance** (10): Tracy Finegan, Beth Davis, Janina Pinkas, Kirsten Ebersol, Kim Sheehan, Curt McCaskey, Kendra Babb, Angela Landis, Don Davis, Amanda Leaman, Angela Landis

### **Open Forum:**

1) Beth Davis expressed a desire to start a 'Mom's Prayer Group' and stated that she is looking for a church that could be used to meet in.

2) Hershey Park Tickets will again be offered this year at a discount to all Blue Ball Elementary Families.

3.) Kim Sheehan brought to our attention that Blue Ball Elementary may be eligible to receive a percentage of purchases made through Amazon: On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select 'Blue Ball Elementary' to receive donations from eligible purchases (you will see "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" marked on the product detail) before you begin shopping. Amazon remembers your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to the school! (The PTO will inquire about how the school will receive the contributions).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Kendra Babb said there was a \$300.00 deposit expended for the planned "It's All in the Words" assembly presented by author Daryl Cobb (The librarian is getting copies of his books!); there was a \$6.00 refund from All Pro Dads and there was an expenditure for \$1,196.00 for the 1st Grade Field Trip to the Philadelphia Zoo.

[The Reconciliation Summary and Detail Treasurer's Reports will be available in the Blue Ball Elementary Office located outside Mr. McCaskey's office for anyone who is interested in reviewing them.]

### **Committee Reports:**

- 1.) Beth Davis said that the PTO will be asking parents for monetary donations in an attempt to avoid the need for another fundraiser.
- 2.) Box Tops: The Ski to Win! Contest was a success. This year, students were also able to "purchase" box tops and labels at the

High Five Store to add to their classroom's totals. The winner of the contest was Mrs. Henssler's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. It was also mentioned that there is a new earning potential discovered: We have started cutting the bar codes off the boxes of Ticonderoga pencils. They can be turned in to be used as credit to buy art supplies, pencils, etc. from the store

3.) 2017/2018 PTO Board Elections are coming up. Positions up for election include:

- a.) President
- b.) Vice-President
- c.) Treasurer
- d.) Secretary

Flyers will be sent home. Potential candidates interested in one of these positions will need to turn in their form by 02/20/17.

4.) Spirit Wear – Beth is looking into it this week. The selections may include t-shirts with cap sleeves for girls and light material t-shirts for boys; also possibly, Bermuda shorts.

### **Volunteers:**

- 1.) Beth Davis is looking for a few volunteers for Teacher Appreciation Day.
- 2.) OverDrive Night– eBooks, presented by ELANCO Librarians, Blue Ball Elementary Media Center, will be 02/28/17 from 6:00-7:30 PM. The PTO has been asked for a few volunteers and to provide snacks for this event.

### **Activities:**

- 1.) "Pastries with a Pal" was discussed and the need as well, for a few volunteers to run it. It was well received and had a great turn out last year. Tracy Finegan called for an all-in-favor vote and it was agreed to do it again this year.
- 2.) The much anticipated STEM FAIR details were reviewed.  
Three help sessions are being offered:
  - a. 'Finding a Topic' was held on January 16<sup>th</sup> and had a great turnout with over 50 students signed up!
  - b. Research & Planning will be held February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Working on Tri-fold Displays will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup>\*\* Participating students will receive t-shirts.
- 3.) All Pro Dads: Last session will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May and will include pizza for all attendees.

### **New Business:**

The wildly successful, but exclusively for girls *Girls on the Run* program has inspired a new boys only club that will be available for 3rd-5th grade boys which will culminate in an obstacle course. Excited to hear more details about this!!

## **Principal's Report ~**

- 1. The 100<sup>th</sup> day was launched today by Mrs. Landis and other teachers. The children enjoyed numerous activities including a search for clues throughout the day. Mrs. Landis spoke about the day as several photographs were projected as a slide show.
- 2. Mr. McCaskey reminded the PTO about the early dismissal on Thursday, Feb. 16, teacher in-service day, Feb. 17 and Presidents Day holiday on Feb. 20.

3. Pre-Kindergarten nights will occur on Wednesday, Feb 22 at Blue Ball Elementary and Wednesday, Mar. 22 at Brecknock Elementary. These programs are planned to help prepare parents and their incoming Kindergarteners for their first days of school.
4. Over-Drive Night ...was discussed previously.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Concert was originally listed in the Blue Ball Express with the incorrect date. It will be Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Calendar:**

Feb 1 Gr 4 Lancaster Conservancy Program – “Less is More”, Gr. 4 classrooms, AM Gr 6 Chesapeake Bay Foundation Water Quality STEM Program, Gr. 6 classrooms, AM

Feb 3 Elanco Pre-Kindergarten Program, Art, 9:35 – 10:20 AM, by reservation

Feb 6 All Pro Dads, multipurpose room, 6:30-7:30 PM Blue Ball Elementary PTO Meeting, office conference room, 7:30-8:30 PM

Feb 9 STEM Fair Help Session – Research and Planning, STEM classroom, 3:45-4:30 PM

Feb 10 Elanco Pre-Kindergarten Program, Art, 9:35 – 10:20 AM, by reservation

Feb 16 Student Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM

Feb 17 Teacher In-Service Day – No School

Feb 20 Presidents Day Holiday – No School

Feb 22 Gr 4 Lancaster Conservancy Program – “Beaks to Feet”, Gr. 4 classrooms, AM ELANCO Pre-Kindergarten Program - Library, 9:35-10:20 AM, by reservation

Feb 23 STEM Fair Help Session, Finishing Touches & Display /Presentations, STEM classroom, 3:45-4:30 PM

Feb 28 OverDrive Program – eBooks, presented by ELANCO Librarians, Blue Ball Elementary Media Center, 6:00-7:30 PM

Mar 1 Elanco Pre-Kindergarten Program – Library, 9:35-10:20 AM, by reservation 5 Monday, Feb 6 - All Pro Dads 6:30 PM & PTO Meeting 7:30 PM

Mar 2: 6th Annual Blue Ball Elementary STEM Fair – sponsored by the Blue Ball Elementary PTO, multipurpose room & gymnasium, 6:00-7:30 PM

Mar 6 All Pro Dads, multipurpose room, 6:30-7:30 PM Blue Ball Elementary PTO Meeting, conference room, 7:30-8:30 PM

Mar 8 ELANCO Pre-Kindergarten Program - Library, 9:35-10:20 AM, by reservation Mar 10 Gr 5 "What in the World?" Career program, multipurpose room, 9:45-11:15 AM

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND THE PARENTS that attended the night's meeting. We hope to see more Parents and Teachers attending. We understand other life commitments may be keeping you from attending; we hope to at least hear from you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email the PTO at [blueballpto@gmail.com](mailto:blueballpto@gmail.com) or you can write a note to send into the office, ATT: PTO. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2016/2017**, Volunteer Clearances visit: [http://www.elanco.org/pages/Eastern\\_Lancaster\\_County\\_SD/Operations/Employment/Volunteers](http://www.elanco.org/pages/Eastern_Lancaster_County_SD/Operations/Employment/Volunteers)