

Blue Ball Elementary School PTO Minutes

April 4, 2016

Blue Ball Elementary PTO

Principal
Curt McCaskey

PTO BOARD

President
Cherie Mindy

Vice President
Beth Davis

Secretary
Janina Pinkas

Treasurer
Kendra Babb

COMMITTEES

Fundraising {2016-2017 NEED COORDINATORS}
L2L: the PTO Board
Wolfgang: Beth Davis

Box Tops & Labels for Education {2016-2017 NEED MEMBERS}
Dorothy T., Janina Pinkas & Jessica Wilson

Spirit Wear
Cherie Mindy

Hospitality {NEED COORDINATOR}

Volunteer & Workroom
Beth Davis

Special Events
~ Family Events: Kendra Babb
~ Donuts: Jeff Hochhaus
~ Muffins: NEED COORDINATOR
~ All Pro Dads: Beth Davis & Cherie Mindy
~ STEM Fair: Jeff Hochhaus & Jessica Wilson

WELCOME TEACHERS and NEW & RETURNING FACES!!

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

Attendance (8): Janina Pinkas, Beth Davis, Cherie Mindy, Curt McCaskey, Jessica Wilson, Sue Dissinger, Kendra Babb, LeaAnn McDonald

Open Forum: {If you would like to share a concern or suggestion prior to meetings, please email the PTO at blueballpto@gmail.com or send in a note to the office ATT: Blue Ball PTO} Attendants brought forth the following discussion...
No concerns to report.

President's Report: Nothing to report. {President position available 2016/2017 to any PTO Board member serving at least 1 year}

Treasurer's Report {you may see attached "*Monthly Report Apr2016*" and "*Budget Report Apr2016*"}: The "*Monthly Report Apr2016*" {March 7, 2016 – April 4, 2016} The Hershey Park tickets that were sold were not funding the school or the PTO; they are sold at the park's sale price. For every 20 tickets sold, Hershey Park is giving 1 free ticket. We now will be receiving 6 free tickets. Wolfgang fundraiser made \$13,836.67. Corporate income of \$25 was a quarterly donation from Morgan Stanly. The negative entries shown on the budget reports are positive cash flow, meaning that this is the money we have or gained. We have not received the field trips' transportation invoices, so we are hoping the price has increased due to current decreased gas sales. 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.

Activities:

Fundraiser ~ Wolfgang order pick up was March 21 which the delivery did not come as promised. The orders were received on pallets but not divided into their classrooms. Miss Hecker, a 6th grade teacher, volunteered her students to help with set-up the afternoon of 3/21; the PTO were grateful and profusely thanks the students as they

did an excellent job organizing the orders. There were still about 30 orders left over but were distributed by Wed. 3/23 and order discrepancies were resolved the following Tues. 3/29. Since there weren't any volunteers nor a committee, the order sheet & money collections was challenging. The PTO profited \$13,836.67. {Committee Volunteers NEEDED 2016/2017 schoolyear}

Box Tops & Labels for Education – Nothing to report. **NOTE: It has been reported Labels for Education national program will end August 2016.** {Committee Volunteers NEEDED 2016/2017 schoolyear ~ do not need clearances for counting but will need clearances for in-school contest posting and box tops pick-up}

Volunteer/Workroom {Clearances NEEDED} – Mrs. Pinkas created a group under the PTO gmail account for easy group emails “Volunteers Cleared 2016/2017”. There is a sign-up genius for anyone who has their volunteer clearances and has the time to volunteer Workroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Spirit Wear – Mrs. Mindy is getting the form ready for the spring sale; there will be t-shirts for \$8 and hoodies for \$20 with a basic Blue Ball Elementary logo – colors have not been decided. The t-shirt will be similar to ones sold in the beginning of the year with a couple color options.

All Pro Dads {No clearances needed = family event} – The next program is held 5/18; no program will be held in April due to the PSSAs. The program is every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Cafeteria at 8am. Breakfast is provided along with tips, resources, and a film to help “dads” to be the best DAD you can be. [Coordinator NEEDED 2016/2017 but any volunteers are welcome]

Family Fun Night Events {No clearances needed = family event} – No upcoming events discussed.

Muffins with Moms {No clearances needed = family event} – The 2-day event is called “Muffins Event” and Beth Davis is coordinating it this year. The muffins will be provided by Giant in Ephrata. [Coordinator NEEDED 2016/2017]

Donuts for Dads {No clearances needed = family event} – Nothing to report.

Assemblies – PTO has not received a response from Mobile Ed though they have a new assembly that is being put into consideration for the future. We discussed having an event instead of the assembly during the Field Day events. Mrs. Mindy suggested having ice cream distributed by Lickity Split's truck (based in New Holland) or Mr. Softee (based in Lancaster). If we are able to have the ice cream served, it will be basic ice cream or dairy-free choices scooped into cones or cups, no toppings. Field Days are May 19th & 23rd with rain dates May 20th & 24th.

STEM Fair – The fair was held on Thurs., March 31 from 6-7:30pm. Though there were a small amount of participants, the projects presented weren't repeated. There were extra STEM Fair t-shirts and one was found, size Youth Small to which, Jessica Wilson will be contacting the possible participants to which it may belong. It is being discussed the STEM Fair will be held about 2 weeks earlier on a Friday with a “Save the Date” flyer going home around Christmas Break; this will hopefully gain more participants.

Activities – There was a sale for discount Hershey Park tickets can be used anytime during the April 29 – Sept. 25 2016 season; up to 130 tickets were sold. The forms are due 4/4/2016.

Teacher Appreciation – Coordinator needed 2015/2016 to provide gifts, organize snacks/lunch, etc. In the past themes were presented. Teacher Appreciation will be 5/2-6. Release Time helped with the Parent/Teacher conferences so Mrs. Mindy will be contacting them to see if they may help with a lunch or snack for the teachers.

New Business:

PTO Board Elections – The 2015/2016 Vice President, Beth Davis will be distributing the election forms by the end of the week. They are to be turned in by April 22.

Art Show – Presented by Mrs. Snader, Blue Ball Elementary art teacher, will be held on Friday, 4/22. The show is presenting all of the students' art framed and sold for \$22 that night or \$23 if purchased a week later. The price of the framed artwork was rounded to even dollar amount; any money profited by the school will be given to the Art department of Blue Ball Elementary School. Save the Date Art Show flyer was sent home today. There will be a Silent Auction held the duration of the show; the money raised will go to the PTO. The auction will include 6 Hershey Park tickets, Wolfgang products, and “Ring” doorbell with app that does not have any monetary obligations when won.

6th Grade Mixer – The Mixer is held on May 31 and will be held at Blue Ball Elementary School. The first meeting for the Mixer will be small just being the principals and the presidents & vice presidents of the school district's PTO Board to keep it organized.

Principal's Report ~

PSSA – Starts 4/12-4/21. Assessments are in the morning and special classes will still be held. Science testing will only be taken by the 4th graders.

Art Show – 4/22

Field Trip – 4/27 the Kindergarteners will be walking to Shady Maple for their field trip.

Fire Prevention – On 5/6, the Fire Prevention House will present a smoke simulator in a miniature house to teach children about fire safety. The smoke is simulated by steam and safe.

Calendar:

4/1 – Spring Pictures

4/4, 7-8pm – PTO Meeting in the library with free childcare the duration of the meeting

4/8 – Report cards sent home

4/12-15 & 4/19-21 – PSSA testing

4/22, 6-8pm – Art show hosted by Mrs. Snader with Silent Auction hosted by the PTO

5/2, 7-8pm – PTO Meeting in the library with free childcare the duration of the meeting

Recognitions: THANK YOU Dorothy T. for your 3 years committed to Box Tops and Labels for Education Committee. 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 or you can write a note to send into the office, ATT: PTO.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Clearances visit:

http://www.elanco.org/pages/Eastern_Lancaster_County_SD/Operations/Employment/Volunteers

Once the forms are completed and copies of the clearances are readily available, please hand into the Blue Ball Elementary office to Marion or Heidi.

Our PTO information is available on the ELANCO school district's website:

http://bb.elanco.org/pages/Blue_Ball_Elementary_School/PTO