

# Blue Ball Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

Principal  
Mr. McCaskey

PTO President  
Dina Maio

PTO Vice President  
Kelci Robbins

PTO Secretary  
Cherie Mindy

PTO Treasurer  
Lisa Weir

## Committees

Fundraising: Lisa Garrett

Hospitality: Kelci Robbins

Box Tops for Education and Campbell's  
soup labels

Dorothy Theodosatos, Janina Pinkas,

Jessica Wilson

Cartridges for Kids: Dave Lindquist

Volunteer Coordinator:

Connie Good

Workroom Coordinator:

Svetlana Rose

## PTO Meetings

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

NOTE: February meeting cancelled due to weather.

Attendance: (15) Curt McCaskey, Dina Maio, Kelci Robbins, Cherie Mindy, Lisa Garrett, Kendra Babb, Vicky Humay, Cathy Proviano Jeff Hochhaus, Janina Pinkas, Beth Davis, Don Davis, Delana Swisher, Dorothy Theodosatos, Jessica Wilson

Treasurer's Report: See attached given by Dina Maio

President's Report:

Sign up genius explained by Dina.

TO FIND A SIGN UP: Go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) find a sign up and type our email: [blueballpto@gmail.com](mailto:blueballpto@gmail.com), type the code on screen and you will have access to sign up for events that need volunteers.

TO CREATE A SIGN UP: Go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) go to LOG IN drop down screen to Secure log in type e mail: [blueballpto@gmail.com](mailto:blueballpto@gmail.com) password: bbesisgr8 then Build a sign up, this will take you through all the steps to create a sign up at the last step you will invite and publish, the sign up will be sent out to 99 (currently) emails that have signed up to volunteer .

PTO GMAIL ACCOUNT: Log in: [blueballpto@gmail.com](mailto:blueballpto@gmail.com)

Password: bbesisgr81

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

The role of the head coordinator for Race for Education will be divided among three individuals for the upcoming school year.

- 1) Race Day Coordinator for the day of Race to oversee and organize.
- 2) Mailer Coordinator will be responsible for everything to do with the mailers.
- 3) Collections Coordinator will be Vicky Humay.

If you would like further information about position 1 and 2 please contact Lisa Garrett race coordinator.

Lisa contacted The creator of Race for Education and spoke to him about the postal correspondence about the mailer. His response is that ONLY applies to Bulk Rate mailers, therefore no changes to mailer format.

Audit team has determined a new plan for next year so that discrepancies will be minimal.

Cap the number of mailers per student to 60. Their name will be put in a drawing per grade level for principal for the morning. Return ratio of returned mailers for large quantities mailed has been insufficient therefore the cap.

Hospitality:

New Holland Family Fun Night was a nice turnout despite the weather.

Cookies needed for Science Fair and sixth grade graduation.

Activities:

Family nights are a chance for you meet other families in the school community. The events are casual. There is an event once a month. We are always looking for ideas and volunteers.

March 21 - Family night Book Bingo at Blue Ball Elementary 6:30-8:00pm

April 4 - Science Fair Night 6:00-7:30pm

April 11 - Donuts for Dad 8:00-8:45 am in multipurpose room

May 14- Muffins for Mom 8:00-8:45am in multipurpose room

Upcoming Events

**March 21 Book Bingo  
6:30-8:00pm  
April 4 Science Fair  
April 11 Donuts for Dad  
May 14 muffins for Mom**

Box Tops & Labels for Education:

33,000 Box Tops collected and counted. Approximately \$3000.00 earned for our school. Miss Eberly's class is the winner of the pizza party. They collected 2500 box tops.

Labels for education: collected 14,470 points and earned a bonus of 20 Scholastic books for the book exchange.

As a result of everyone's efforts, our school will get a new rolling cart for the book exchange, additional new books for book exchange and new playground equipment.

A Huge thank you goes out to everyone. Please keep collecting!

Volunteers:

Workroom: Svetlana Rose had emailed the schedule to everyone for March. Journal making has begun. Please contact Svetlana to volunteer

Character Coupon store: Cherie is looking for volunteers to help at the store every Tuesday 11:30am-1:30pm. Please see sign up genius. Consider helping for an hour. New prizes for the students this month.

New Business:

Delana Swisher will coordinate a Spelling Bee in October 2014.

Possible two nights with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade together and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade together.

She would like to purchase a downloadable package that contains everything to run the Bee and purchase trophies and ribbons. All will be budgeted for next year.

Possible Garden Spot National Honor Society students to volunteer, possible teacher for a judge.

PTO Officers: Treasurer position is open for next school year.

Prismatic Magic laser Show (Lasermania) for students May 5 after all PSSA testing is complete.

Principal Report:

PSSA testing will be March 25-28. The students will have different themes for each day of testing

Tuesday March 25 "Be Your Brightest" Wear yellow to show your brilliance.

Wednesday March 26 "Be all that you can be at Blue Ball Elementary" wear Camouflage and just like the Army, "go strong" to accomplish our goals.

Thursday March 27 "Show your Blue Ball School Spirit" Wear your BBES or Garden Spot items or blue, gray and white to show school spirit.

Friday March 28 "Tackle the test! Test hard...Play hard" Wear favorite sport team items to finish strong.

Another way that we will show support is that our primary grades classes have "adopted the big guys". Our Kindergartners, 1<sup>st</sup> graders and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will encourage the testers in various ways to show them that we are "with them" as they represent Blue Ball Elementary.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** On testing days ALL cell phones and any other device with a camera will be collected from students in the class room as to PA department of Education regulations.

Healthy snacks (bananas, apples, grapes) and fresh water bottles will be provided daily for testers during testing days.

**Reminder for weekly book exchange: 8:45-9:00am**

Week 1 and 3 grades 4-6 in the lobby

Week 2 and 4 K-grade 3 in the primary grades entrance

How do we perpetuate PTO programs? This topic was addressed at the meeting and the PTO is looking for volunteers to shadow the present PTO so that the programs and events will continue in the future. Many of the coordinators will be leaving next year due to their children going to middle school. Please consider becoming involved in PTO.

Next PTO meeting is April 7, 2014 at 7:00pm

Pending Approval