

## PTO Minutes for October 12, 2016

- October 12th meeting in the library 22 members in attendance.
- 6:04 President Amy H brought meeting to order
- Agenda handed out - minutes from last meeting (9/14/16) were included on the back
- Minutes were reviewed and approved - motioned by Jeanette, Danielle seconded
- Introductions made around the room.

### Principal's Update:

Mr. Wedge discussed that first grade students are participating in the 100 book challenge in which PTO purchased t-shirts for. Mrs. Poulin read a read aloud at a kick-off assembly, which really excited the kids. One of the new things for this year is quarterly assemblies. Our focus is on growth mindset. We watched a video at the first assembly and discussed how the brain works. Students filled out a sheet of paper for the office bulletin board that answered the question, "What are you doing to become smarter?" Another thing that was talked about at the assembly was behavior at lunch. Every day, a table is selected for the best cafeteria behavior and get a trophy for the day. They also get a ticket toward a pizza or sundae party. The Home-School Communique was renamed the Benton Bulldog Bugle. PTO has a section to share news. Mr. Wedge is looking at how to accommodate ESL families and also to have an electronic version.

### Treasurer's Report:

\$413.98 for first grade t-shirts

\$215.31 welcome back BBQ

\$400.00 Box top prizes - two bikes, two scooters, Flagship, Joseph's Sporting Goods, book fair, Sweet Frog, Pizza Degree

\$100.00 LC Bates second graders

\$500.00 Box Tops earnings

\$2806.04 left in checking after book fair - really good shape

\$7600 earned at book fair this fall \$1500 cash, rest in points

### Old Business:

1. Three for Me Volunteer Program- Lydia Whiting  
Parents who volunteer three or more hours in the school get their name on a leaf that will go on the tree by the main office. Right now there are about 8 people. We're hoping to fill the tree. Ways to get on the tree are: any PTO events, PTO meetings, volunteering in classrooms (not field trips). Volunteers should log their times in the office, so Lydia can keep track. PTO will forward her any meeting/event attendance.
2. Watchdog Program - Mr. Wedge went to a meeting about it, and is going to volunteer in his children's school and get some more information about it. Mr. Wedge has some concerns. Later, when he has more of an idea of the program, we will decide if it's something we want to bring to Benton.

### Upcoming PTO Events:

1. Trick-or-Trunk - Jeanette talked about the subcommittee meeting that was held earlier this evening. Notices will be sent home this week. Jeanette is taking care of tickets. The event ends a little earlier this year because there are no buses. Rachel will contact Cyndi and Marissa in guidance about getting candy donations.
2. Craft Fair - Rachel Carpenter- We have about 30 crafters signed up so far. The form will be put on the PTO Facebook page. As of now, it's gone out to past crafters only. Lydia will start gathering items for the silent auction next week. She and Malloire Chenevert will be going around to area businesses to get donations. We have 40 tables reserved with the district. Kathy Burkhart will help with other tables from Are You Ready to Party?

### New Business:

1. Red Sox - Amy H got information for the event this year. Amy H and Amy P discussed that the event was just for family fun, not a fundraiser. There were ~130 tickets sold last year. We filled one bus. This year, the weekend that starts April Vacation is Easter, so we'll look into a new date this year.

**Questions/Comments:** None.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the library.

**Adjournment:** Rachel motioned to adjourn, Amy P seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.