

Berlin Elementary PTO Meeting

September 13, 2022

Present: Tracy Kent, Carrie Minkler, Kim Collen, Nicole Radliff, Matt Turetsky

Via Google Meet: Courtney Sroka, Laurie Madsen, Brenda Demagistris, Kimberly Brownell, Elisa Hammersmith, Donna Kelly, Amanda Hayes

Welcome: Thank you for those in attendance. First open meeting of 2022-2023 School Year.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Brownell MS/HS: Great start to the year so far. Had a great welcome back assembly for students. I-Ready testing will start on 09/14/22. Having an extra curricular club fair this coming Friday for established clubs and kids who may be looking to start new clubs. Hope is to get new kids to join and meet other kids' needs who may be looking for something different. Preparing for Fall Fest and the senior class will be looking for vendors. Getting ready for Spirit Week. MS/HS building work has been completed and looks wonderful. Web and Link was a success and a generous donation was made by the Seventh Day Baptist Church for cases of water and brownies.

Mrs. Kent BES: Good opening start to the school year. Held their first assembly with Green and Gold Day also being celebrated. Assembly focused on BES Mantra of Responsible Safe Respectful. This week they will be celebrating students who participated in the summer reading program. I- Ready testing will start this week. Excited to be working on a Harvest Happening Event that will be coming up.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: As of 06/14/22 \$5,366.52
Expenses \$3,793.44 Deposits \$6,205.29
Ending Balance: \$7,778.37
PTO \$7, 778.37
MS/HS PTO: \$110.80 plus check going in for \$ 1, 100.00
Expenses: \$ 18.68 and \$24.38 reimbursement for Summer Reading Expenses
Helping Hands: \$ 4,070.23
Enrichment/Character Education:\$966.05
Band: \$68.00
Drama:\$454.23
Playground:\$298.09
5th Grade: \$0.06
Ambassadors: \$ 188.25
Literacy Fund:\$191.85

Book fair made around \$1,100.00

There was \$930.00 donated in memory of R. Gutermuth.

Upcoming:

Picture day will be Wednesday October 5th with re-take on December 2nd. Forms for picture day are at BES and will be distributed to each classroom. Will need parent volunteers to facilitate children going thru picture process. Will have a Morning and Afternoon spots for volunteers. Please Contact if you would like to help out. Courtney willing to take previous volunteer list and reach out. Previously PTO used Sign Up Genius to facilitate volunteer spots- will look into how this was set up.

Scholastic Book Fair will be October 3rd and 4th and will need minimum of 4 volunteers per shift to help kids during the book fair. Scholastic will drop books off between September 26th-30th. Books will be set up on September 30th. Courtney, Tracy, Jodi and Matt volunteered to help with this. Kids will need to pay tax on items purchased. There is \$422 dollars that need to be spent from scholastic. Catalog will be looked at.

MS/HS Open house is 10/06/22 Principal Brownell is going to have new activities to encourage families to participate and see all the beautiful work at the school. The weight room and gym will be open to be viewed and hoping to have extra curricular clubs represented. PTO will put a table in the foyer.

BES Open House 09/29/22 from 630pm-730pm PTO will also have a table in the foyer. Kim Collen offered to sit for this.

Fall Fest will be October 15th and be put on by the senior class. Discussion was had about the PTO being present for this and making baked goods or a large basket for a raffle. Laurie Madsen offered to do this basket if we chose to proceed. Suggestion was made about offering tables for sale at the fall fest for garage sale items to try and get more of the community involved.

Talked about having a winter event. Previously Stroll the Ave was done and a lot of fun was had. Bon Fires/Shopping/Chili event etc. Also maybe trying ice skating/roller skating event free of charge this year for families.

Fundraisers: Kids Korner has been a very good fundraiser in the past. Thinking about waiting until Spring to do this as 5th Grade will be doing a Fundraiser also and unsure of which one yet. Also options of doing Candy type fundraisers around Easter time.

Next Meeting scheduled for October 11th at 6:30pm. Meeting will be at BES Library. Will continue to keep virtual login options open for the meeting. An administrator will need to be the one to facilitate the login/meeting due to wi-fii restrictions. Meeting ended at 7:27pm