

Bethany PTO October Meeting
October 27th @7pm

1. Call to Order - Mrs. Springer delighted us with pre-meeting music
2. Approval of September Minutes - Motioned by Christina, seconded by Jamie

Parents in Attendance: Murilo Belluzzo, Randell Pelak, Sachana Ail, Erica West, Christina Griffith, Jesal Kothari, Afsana, Jamie Speck, Heidi Grossaint, Anjana Nair, Devon Ervin, Heather Worsham, Kimberly Hawk, Grant Low, Julie Keanaaina, Krista Damn, Deiva, Ramy, Mahdi Eighazali, Shannon Poynter, Heidi Grossaint, Elizabeth Staly - List includes full PTO Board

Staff In Attendance: Toni Rosenquist, Elissa Springer

Principal's Report:

1. Discussion of Enrollment - District will not be laying off even though enrollment is down overall. Toni phrased it as "We are starting behind" and a "Good news/bad news situation". Devon asked questions regarding classroom sizes still being the same in upper grades. Low 20's in some classes. Survey brought up...making sure everyone answered it.
2. Discussed options about children coming back: LIPPI (Limited In Person Instruction). Not affecting Bethany at this time.
3. Technology - Murilo asked about because it is missing in the current curriculum. Just Music/PE. Tech teachers are doing library support to ensure we get books to kids - such as Book Bus and sanitization. Melissa Regan is doing a Virtual Steam Lab for students, the link is in the Bobcat
<https://sites.google.com/beaverton.k12.or.us/bethany-virtual-steam-lab/home>
4. Open discussion on how teachers are doing. Thank you's to all the staff and thank you's to the families at Bethany.
5. Community Partnership Meeting - Our team watched a video of other schools, including examples of green teams, partnership with OFB, student lead projects (high school level). Community event coming soon (TBD). Bethany team had a breakout session about families' sharing stories via a video regarding how we are diverse and unique.

President's Report: Krista Presented

1. Read-A-Thon - Krista talked about late submissions and she is working on a will have full tally on Thursday's Bobcat. Fundraiser's "On School Property" guidelines form needs to be submitted. This is important because 200 students participated, so we need to figure out how to allow prize/book pick-up.
2. Community Partnership Team - please email Krista if interested. Green Team is already doing some events that will be discussed.
3. School Photos - possibly can drive up and take photos. Looking at options. Christina asked regarding having it off campus.
4. Dr. Lake's Program - Zoom is Thursday

Vice President's Report: Afsana Presented

1. Now that people are feeling more comfortable about getting food we will be doing a November fundraiser. Looking at Handel's Ice Cream.
2. Fred Meyer \$102.87 in donations for quarter 3 of 2020. Select 'Bethany PTO' as their charity when making purchases at any Fred Meyer. This is also available from Amazon Smile.

Treasurer's Report: Jesel Presented - See Attached

Teacher reimbursements have been the main activity. Dr. Lake questions - Payment will come out of the Operating Fund (it's where we budgeted). Christina asked about Read-A-Thon funds (they have not come in yet) and how is Intel/Nike matching happening? All of these should be answered in the Bobcat. Drop-off checks when pick-up books. Last year \$15,000 roughly was raised. Reminders going on FB and Instagram. Checks can be dropped directly at the school.

Volunteer Coordinator: Anjana Presented

- Classroom coordinators - putting a booklet together. Kinder, 2nd, 3rd still have some missing. Volunteer hours - Please log your hours! Including PTO Meetings.
- Green Team will need a co-chair next year, please email parentgreenteamlead@bspto.org if interested.
- Currently Angie Hamilton and Elizabeth Staly are co-chairs.
- Garden Club also needs a co-chair for this upcoming spring. Please email gardenclub@bspto.org is interested. Currently Elizabeth Staly, Krista Damn, and Beth Ard are co-chairs.

Green Team: Elizabeth Presented

For this school year the GT is still planning on doing an event/drive each month (following/restricted to safety protocols).

- ~ September Free Book Giveaway - Very Successful Event! This was an incredible event with 1429 being given away to our Bethany Family and 563 being donated to the Northwest Children's Outreach. We had free masks and hand sanitizer to ensure everyone's safety, but the majority of people came well prepared for the event.
- ~ October Roadside Clean-up - (To be updated after Saturday) 10 people @2:30
- ~November - Tree Planting (TBD)
- ~December - Toy Drive

Garden Club: Elizabeth Presented

We had two freshmen come remove the broken shed. Discovered the concrete slab size underneath which will help when we decide the size of the next shed. GC will be submitting an RFF in March for our new shed. We are working on winterizing the garden currently. GC would also like to see if parents are interested in a starter kit to grow a plant in their home during the winter. These starts will help us regrow the garden and ensure your child's place in the spring (once we return to school)! Please email Garden Club if you are interested and we will put the kits together for you to pick up.

Eco-Schools: Elizabeth Presented

Our Green Team is associated with an amazing group called Eco-Schools. Angie, Elizabeth, and Krista attended their conference this Oct. where we Zoomed with different speakers on different topics. If anyone would like more information we can post. ES is also helping rebuild our garden with support and supplies! This is a kid driven project with Life Staly & Rissa Hamilton helping lead the project. *We are currently asking other GT kids if they would like to help. ES has also put together kits for outdoor classrooms. Mrs. Hoppenrath has been asked if she is interested and is going through the proper channels. Please reach out to your teachers as well if you or your child thinks this is a great idea!

Open Discussion:

5th grade party - Afsana brought up questions regarding fundraising, graduation celebration, and parents who can help. Christina may be taking the lead: will discuss after the meeting. Jamie had a 5th grader last year so she is a great resource.

Dr. Lake - Meadow Park PTO may be joining

Five Oaks PTO is non-existent. No fundraisers. Toni let us know building is being remodeled and has a new principal so lots of options

Last year's audit needs to be finished. Two person teams. Needs to be done by mid-November to send over to our accountant. Dana (last year's treasurer) was present at the meeting.

Adjournment: 8:10pm