



Team Beacon PTO

"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"

Team Beacon PTO Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2019 at 7:00pm Location: Beacon Media Center

- **Opening and welcome:**
 - Introductions (*5 minutes*)
 - Casey Liska, Nina Plasencia, Jennie Sharp, Meg Schoenherr, Alicia Jensen, Jane Beamer, Sarah Fore, Sarah Jarboe, Emily Johnson, Samantha, Ryan Bruder, Missy Wirkner, Kelly Jackson, Nicole Cochran

- **Principal Update:** Ryan Bruder (*10 minutes*)
 - Wrapping up NWA assessment - try not to pressure
 - Big meeting this week with construction team to finalize - all student learning area construction work is done
 - IB Junior DHS student (Emily) is going to do outdoor reading garden at Beacon like we had at Bates - rear of the building
 - Keep line item at same \$\$ for now until we see
 - Plan to use some of the perennials from Bates
 - They will talk to classes and see what kids want
 - Staff appreciation was great - Monday massage, Wednesday yeti mugs, poems/flowers/notes/candy from kids
 - Staff swag - shirts, fleece jacket, polos for teachers - \$1,400-1,600 - Underground print is going to do them
 - Staffing and class lists for next year
 - 20 classes up from 17
 - Events larger
 - More grants
 - 1 1/2 day Y5
 - 3 Full Y5
 - 5 K
 - 5 1st
 - 5 2nd

- **Budget:** Missy Wirkner (*5 minutes*)
 - Review updates and current balance
 - See attached budget
 - Added STEM, Art, Field Day, Grant Requests, Principal,
 - Give them a tab in the ledger so the teachers can see what they have available
 - Do we want to stock science materials in the Marketplace and Workshop next year?
 - Made about \$4,000 more than projected
 - Owe \$35 to Julie to replace money she spends at Book Fair for kids forgetting money
 - MyWay \$348.65

- Box Tops \$1.30
 - Forecasted end of year rollover
 - Will likely be a lot
 - Proposal to increase Classroom grants in 2019/2020
 - Give our specials teachers higher grant funds?
- **Art Night:** Brittney McClain & Chelsea Conger (*3 minutes*)
 - Tuesday, May 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Everything is booked
 - Drummunity in Gym
 - Dexter Rocks ready to rock
 - May want to get tablecloths and get a big roll rather than one by one - 300 ft/\$13.00 - we use them at book fair, math night, etc.
 - Need sidewalk chalk - she will purchase them if we don't have some
 - Music show will be featured too
 - Sign up genius - please do it! - May have older students volunteering too (CS&L)
- **Field Day:** Nicole Cochran (*3 minutes*)
 - Thursday, June 6th during school hours (7th if rain)
 - Bounce house
 - Dunk tank - share with Anchor
 - Heidi and Sue will get snacks
 - Nicole will make sign up genius for each station
- **Legacy Grants:** (*10 minutes*)
 - Discuss options to spend the \$20,000 legacy grant
 - Staff offered ideas, some were things not PTO - maybe district instead - benches, sweepers, trash cans,
 - Highest priority
 - Playground equipment (jump ropes, balls, cornhole or some other non-traditional) and locking shed to store that stuff - \$1,500
 - Shade - Will talk to the construction team - don't want to spend all our money on this (Anchor Gazebo was about \$30,000) (Wylie uses the shade area) - this was cut from the bond proposal but might come up again - we would probably work with Grainger but we could source it from elsewhere (they will tell us if we can do it cheaper with someone else) - Up to \$15,000
 - Welcome board - pictures and names of staff - \$1,000
 - Science equipment and materials for workshop/makerspace - \$1,500
 - Social Worker SEL (Winder) resource grant - \$1,000
 - Need to have district approval for furniture we buy to ensure it is of adequate quality - this means it will be pricier
 - **VOTE** to approve proposals
 - Motion - Sara/Julie - list above Unanimous approval
- **Youth Theater:** Samantha Kempf (*10 minutes*)
 - Discuss options to budget for a Youth Theater for 2019/2020
 - See attached sheet

- o Rehearsals 6:30-8 - don't want it just to be a place where people drop kids, want it to be enrichment
- o Musical in Spring because then not competing with Erin Palmer for 7/8 graders
- o Director plus adult volunteers
- o Wouldn't turn away Beacon kids since it is Beacon PTO funds it
- o Dexter Community Ed instead? - It means that Samantha would have to be a non-profit org
- o Half the school is pre-readers - are the scripts modified to non-readers? - Roles are broken down so that the older kids have more lines
- o Can we do a survey to see who might be interested?
- o Maybe limit it to 2nd graders - would prefer not to have just 2nd graders
- o Would be willing to do just Beacon kids type of show - not the ones that are listed
- o How long are shows - 30 min (Annie Kids) or 60 min (Annie Jr.) 45 min Glass Slipper
- o K-2 kids shows would be shorter and probably would need fewer rehearsals per week
- o What kind of liability are we taking on with late night and older and younger kids together?
- o Costs are only for the performances - proceeds go to the next show
- o What is the contingency if Samantha can't do it? PTO would have to find someone but Samantha does not anticipate this being an issue
- o How many other theatre productions have you led? - Worked with a team
- o We need to have a team prepared to keep kids safe - not 1 leader to 72 kids
- o How would you recruit a team - Samantha's daughter and her 20yo friends - would need background
- o **VOTE** to approve proposal
 - Motion Sarah F/Nina - Table this proposal until fall, Samantha will rework the proposal based on our feedback, and try for a Beacon-age only student production in the spring
 - Passed unanimously
- **Team Beacon PTO Bylaws: Nina Plasencia (5 minutes)**
 - o **VOTE** to approve updated PTO Bylaws
 - See attached amendments
 - Motion - Nina/Alicia - Change all Team Bates PTO to Team Beacon PTO
 - Motion - Bates to Beacon
 - Motion - Nina/Jane - Change address - add Building B
 - Motion - Nina/Sarah Jarboe - remove "No more than \$100" for Leadership Team in approving unbudgeted expenditures
 - Motion - Julie/Nina \$4,000 carryover
 - Motion - Nina/Casey - update non-discrimination policy
 - All Pass unanimously
 - o Amend required \$8,000 carryover?
 - At the beginning of the year we need Ice Cream Social, Fun Run t-shirts, first staff appreciation
- **Chair Updates: (5 minutes)**
 - o Fundraising (Busch's My Way, Dine to Donate) – Alicia Jensen
 - Dine to Donate Tuesday, May 14th

- Kalahari - when do we want to book it? Thursday of second week of winter break again
 - o Staff Appreciation – Nicole Cochran
 - Cinco de Mayo was great - food was a hit
 - Beverage cart was nice
 - o Webmaster – Casey Liska
 - Change the URL to BeaconPTO.org
 - o Yearbook – Ashley Hopkins, Brittney McClain
 - Need a new chair for next year
- **Current volunteer opportunities:** Nina Plasencia (*3 minutes*)
 - o Art Night
 - o Field Day (coming soon)
 - o 2019/2020 Team Beacon Committee Chair Sign Up
 - o Add Social Media Chair
 - o Add Lost and Found Chair
 - o Add Volunteer Chair - would get more volunteers
 - o Create an event for incoming kindergarten parents to join PTO events - meet the PTO night
 - o Kindergarten parents feel like things are already covered
 - o Flag jobs on the co-chair to hold it for Kindergarten parent
- **Next Meeting:** TBD
 - o Final meeting of 2018/2019 school year! THANK YOU!
 - o Watch for August planning meeting
 - o Motion to close the school year -
 - Nina/Meg
 - Approve unanimously

Good of the order - reach out to Alicia to sign up for free mental health training