

Byron Center Charter
PTO Meeting
September 7, 2016

Present:

Mary Buiter, Mary Lutrell, Kara Gonyon, Jami Oudbier, Erin Gregorski, Amber Viher, Pam Anderson, Brad Fackler, Trish Stratton, and Lynnsy Kraft.

The school calendar along with the event calendar was handed out to those in attendance. We went over which events were handled by the PTO.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will be held the week of conferences this year (week of October 10th). We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for volunteers. The theme this fall is Ahoy Bookaneers! So anyone with any art skills are asked to get a hold of Pam Anderson regarding "setting the scene" for the book fair.

Grand Parents Day

This will be held for K-5 kids. Mr. Berriman, Mary and the teachers will discuss and set a date for this. More information will be coming shortly!

Walk-A Thon:

Mr. Fackler spoke regarding our upcoming Walk-A Thon. Being held at the school this year from 2-3pm.

- 1) Let us know that he had received a check for \$500 from Copper Rock Construction for a \$500 donation.
- 2) He would like someone to follow-up with Snyder Dental. Kara will follow-up with Snyder Dental
- 3) It was brought up that there was a new student in 12th grade with a mom who might be able to get some donations from Wendy's.
- 4) Baymont Inn-Trish to check with them to see if they can do any donations.
- 5) Meijer - Trish to check with a contact there to see about donation.

Mr. Fackler thanked the PTO for purchasing Ipad for the student who raises the most money - upper grades. Mr. Fackler is working on trying to get 2 bikes donated for the younger elementary kids who raise the most money.

Mr. Fackler also handed out a list of potential donors. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out in any way.

We will have a crazy fun color shirt this year for our Walk-A-Thon shirt! More information to come regarding this.

- There is a Planning Committee (separate from PTO) that has been meeting regarding the cookout after the Walk-A-Thon this year. Excited to be celebrating 20 years of academic excellence!!!! They are currently looking for donations of items/money for the cookout. It is planned to be right after the Walk-A-Thon. If anyone has any connections regarding large tents, food/meat, dj services, please let us know.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser (February)

Trish has graciously offered to handle the cookie dough fundraiser again this year.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

We will keep this as it was last year. It will be held on February 17th, right here at the school We had picture booth, craft area and food. If anyone has any desires in this area please let us know.

Mother/Son event

This year will be at Craig's Cruisers on May 12th. It is a tad more expensive than bowling last year, however, we feel that because there is inside/outside things to do at this venue, it should be a great time! No worries about weather either!

Holiday Shop

This year it will be held on December 16th. Kara will be heading up it again this year. We usually purchase items to sell from Two Dutch Hens in Byron Center.

Conferences

We will be sending out a request to help with meals for the teachers during conferences. This will only be for one day this year. We would like to provide them with a lunch meal (as we get dismissed at 11:15) and then a dinner meal. This sign-up will be coming out shortly. If you know you are interested in making a meal please let us know.

Friday Popcorn

Erin has again, graciously offered to handle this again this year. Popcorn will be for sale every Friday for 50 cents. The band will also would like to continue to sell candy bars at this time also (only during lunch) for a little fundraising. The PTO has decided that we will continue to sell the candy bars during this time with one little change. The PTO would like Brad to get the candy bars for us to sell. In the past, Erin has ran to Gordon's weekly for this. Erin will email Mr. Beyer to see if he is okay with picking the required supplies up.

Purchases/Requests

- 1) Stamp cutters that the PTO authorized the purchase of at the end of the year last year will be ordered this week. We will purchase numbers/apples, etc). Mary will be handling this.
- 2) Mr. Beyer did a great job of raising around \$3000 dollars last year for a tympani drum. He was, however, about \$700 short. He has asked the PTO to possibly covered this cost. It was brought to everyone and passed. The PTO will put \$700 towards a new Tympani drum for the Band.
- 3) Cross Country: The school has asked the PTO to purchase shorts for our cross country team. Mary has been looking into this. There is only 8 kids currently on the team.

Miscellaneous

We had a parent question whether we should separate the grades (6-8, 9-12) up for the winter formal dance. As this is not our event, it was forwarded on to the committee who handles the winter formal. We will continue to advise/forward to the correct committee for this.

Mr. Fackler wanted to thank the PTO for purchasing Cam Jam/Spike Ball and Flag Frenzy.

PTO Information:

Discussion was brought up about what is the best way to get PTO information out to our entire parent community. It was discussed that high school uses the Smore application whereas, the elementary uses a lot of Weebly. We will discuss it with Mr. Berriman and come up with a solution so that EVERYONE is able to get this information. We would really love to have a spot right on the school website for this. We will continue to work on this and improve this! We appreciate your feedback and concerns.

An email will go out prior to each PTO meeting to remind parents/staff that there is a PTO meeting. The dates are listed below:

September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th, January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, April 12th, May 3rd and May 31st.