

Byron Center Charter
PTO Meeting
May 2, 2017
Conference Room

Present:

Mary Buiter, Jami Oudbier, Erin Gregorski, Amber Viher, Melinda Ganka, Pam Anderson, Lynnsy Kraft, Deb VanDyke and Kara Gonyon.

CARNIVAL:

Discussion of how we felt carnival went. Layout worked very well. Some felt that there were not as many people.

Food numbers will be figured out. Trisha still needs to turn in receipts. Once this is added up and figured we will bring it to the next meeting. Will continue to update as figures come in and are added up.

Field Day: June 2nd.

We will have 9 game stations.

12:45 start time in back field behind school.

If weather is bad we will have to cancel it as we have no where to hold it otherwise.

*we need a map of games and how they laid out (for teachers and extra helpers)

*we need 13 or more helpers.

*Teachers will go with class to each station and we will have 1-2 people at each station.

*Mary stated that Steve will be putting up barriers for the fire truck.

** **Mary** to make a list after going through with Mr. Fackler of what games are needed.

****Mary** planning on making a list to go shopping if needed. (Jami to help her)

****Mary** to do up list and send to Lynnsy & Jami.

****Pam** to make sign-up genius for helpers that are needed.

*Email to go to parents reminding them to possibly send a towel in with students that day as they will plan on getting wet. (Or possibly change of clothing)

Teacher Appreciation Week:

Little mix up between National Teachers week and regular teachers week :)

We will be doing coffee on Friday (May 5th). We will also be passing out the teacher letters and gift cards on Friday, May 5th. Little things will be going on throughout the whole next week from the school and students and PTO.

Disbursements:

Kara will be purchasing a new “book stapler” for the copy room.

Polly Timmerman: requested purchase for animal encounter at Boulder Ridge Animal Park - \$50. Approved.

Mr. Emmelkamp: Requested partial help with DC trip. Discussion occurred regarding this. Pam to send email to Mr. E regarding some questions we had. Maybe it should be promoted more next year with regards to walk-a-thon, etc.

Mr. Fackler: Timer - we voted on this last time but it did not get followed through on. Sent email regarding letting him know we approved. (ordered Friday morning)

Mr. Fackler: Racquetball - Denied.

Band: We had allocated \$800 towards the band trip that did not happen. Discussion occurred about possibly utilizing that \$800 that was allocated for the 5th and 6th grade classrooms that are required to take band. Using to stock basic necessities in the band room. Discussion also came about regarding possibly helping Mr. Beyer start a “band boosters” that will walk alongside of him regarding rental instruments, fundraisers, etc. Helping him to keep track of everything. Question of parents questioning choir at 5th and 6th grade level. Pam will set up a meeting to speak with Mr. Beyer about PTO thoughts.

POPCORN CART: Still looking at trying to find one. Erin has got to be a part of this discussion! Her and Amber were looking at meeting. Only have 2 more popcorn days left this year.

Mother-Son Movie Night

Mother-Son Movie Night has been moved to May 19th at 6pm.

Lynnsy will be doing up flyers and tickets so we can get these out for promotion!

Food: we will be making popcorn. (Erin verified we have enough stuff)

Box candy, fruits & veggies will be provided.

Extras: Lynnsy has found a person that has a large truck that would be willing to come and let kids get pictures taken with it. Need to look into purchasing frames. We will be charging a small fee for pictures.

Pictures: Mary to text Autumn DeVries immediately to see if she can take pictures.

Clean-up: Will need a small clean up crew.

Graduation:

Ms. Humes has asked PTO if they would offer to do cookies and water for graduation. Last year we did 300 cookies/water. Erin Gregorski has graciously offered to pick up the items at Gordons and then has also offered to get to graduation to set items up. Mary also offered to help Erin.

REMINDER: To get a few gluten free cookies.

Also: Kara brought up that PTO used to supply the \$25 gift card for the drawing that Ms. Harper does for the Seniors. She puts all the kids that are attending college/trade school into a drawing and then picks a name out. Then that child wins the card.

*I have since spoken to Ms. Harper and we will be continuing this again this year. She wanted to thank the PTO members for helping with the Senior Graduation way items. She really appreciates it.

KUDOS:

Thank-you Mary and Kara for all you hard work over the past few years. You are a great asset! Your work and dedication is something to be proud of.

QUESTIONS:

Question on whether there is any room for a gaga pit outside by playground. Also whether balls are allowed out on playground.

Also, Kara to find out where we stand with the cement pad going out back.

NEW MEMBERS:

Transitioning of members will be taking place over the next 2 months.

President: Mary Buitter has/will be stepping down. Thank-you for all your hard work Mary!

Vice-President

Treasurer: Kara Gonyon has asked Amber Viher to take over for Treasurer. Thank-you Kara for all your hard work!

Secretary: Pam Anderson.

We have sent emails out and have posted on Facebook requesting people to join. There are few names/adjustments in the works. Just trying to make sure everything has the right fit! If you are interested in a certain position, please let us know as soon as possible.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 31st at 6pm at school (to finalize end of year & field day)

Summer meeting will be scheduled to go over items for Open House!

OPEN HOUSE:

August 22, 2017
6:00-7:30 pm

PTO Takeaways:

Looking to have all teachers fill out a “teacher profile” form so we know their likes, dislikes, etc. We really need to look at what dates/times would work best for PTO meetings. Feeling like the general consensus is Thursday evenings, maybe rotating them earlier/later every other month. We would really like to up our PTO communication game.
*More details to follow.

PTO Organizational meeting:

July 28th at 1pm at Lynnsy Kraft’s home. 1692 Hightree Drive S.W.