
BES PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 09.11.2019-

First Meeting called at 3:35 PM by Dianna Black, President

Second Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Dianna Black, President

Attendees

3:30PM Dianna Black, Jeni Reed, Claudine Lund, Tim Rice, Jennifer Williams, Krista Tessymen, Shawnda Hopkins, Kristen Brooks, Allyson Vignola, and Shelli Vardaro

6:00PM Dianna Black, Jeni Reed, Shannon Ellis, Claudine Lund, Rachel Giunta, Tim Rice, Jennifer Paris, Nichole Jackson,, Katie Russell and Ken O'Connell

Agenda

August Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.

President's Report

1. Prospect Mountain High School is hosting Scarlett Lewis who is the founder of the non profit organization Jesse Lewis Choose Love will give a presentation on responsive classroom and SEL (social, emotional learning) which is a powerful and proactive mental health initiative. See www.jesselewischooselove.org Students to create their own classroom rules, and it evolves into the larger community.

Treasurer's Report

1. Current Account Balance \$1,970.54
2. Insurance Bill to Pay, approximately \$800

Items Discussed

1. Snack Shack

We were given the opportunity to run the Snack Shack for home soccer games. There was consensus that we should run the snack shack to raise funds if we could get volunteers to cover the dates. Snack Shack dates are: 9/12, 9/16, 9/24, 9/26,

10/11, 10/15, 10/22, 10/24. Excel Spreadsheet has been circulated via email since the meeting on September 11th.

2. T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Fundraiser

Flyer has been made, prices have been set. Flyer to be distributed via teachers in each classroom to the whole community. Order forms due September 26th, 2019. Youth T-Shirts \$10; Youth Pullover Sweatshirts \$28; Youth Zip-Up Sweatshirt \$38; Adult T-Shirts \$15; Adult Pullover Sweatshirts \$28; Adult Zip-Up Sweatshirt \$38

3. Box Tops

Rachel to reach out to Kim Pica for her coordinator sign on, Box Tops logos to be pulled and sent to Shannon Ellis so it can be pushed out to the community via social media. Discussed difficulty in getting people to download box tops app and actually use it as the program is transitioning from clipping to scanning. Ideas thrown out to work with our local stores like Hannaford in Alton to get them to maybe help in publicizing/getting people to download the box tops app and use it.

4. Website

Need to add a link to the school calendar, the links on the website don't work. Need to work with Adam to have the same calendar linked that is on the BES school website already so people only have one calendar to look at in order to see all events.

5. Newsletter

This will be an extension of the bear facts. We want quick blurbs about upcoming events, needed items/materials. Rachel & Dianna to collaborate on this.

6. Date Night-October 18th, 2019 6-9PM

Marketing this as "Kids Night Out", will try to get volunteers from the high school to help out. Price set via messenger as \$15 per child; \$25 max per family. Trying to get pizza donated from White Buffalo or Jack's. Pre selling tickets at the office. We will need emergency contact info for each child along with signed waivers. The plan is to show a movie, tbd, and to also play games.

7. Trunk or Treat-October 26th, 2019

We plan on creating a contest for participants. Donut on a string. We will need an ez up, string, donuts, etc.

8. Penny Wars



Shannon Ellis presented Penny War idea for the school. It would be over the course of two weeks, each grade would be competing against their counterparts. Anticipated launch date of fundraiser is in the spring.

9. Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Dianna presented the idea. Pros: 50% profit of Gross Sales Cons: Flat \$100 shipping fee, need to commit/choose the number of chocolate bars you are committed to selling at once; have to establish a line of credit with the company for the chocolate bars-we can't pay for them up front. Due to shipping cost of \$100 we would have to sell 200 chocolate bars to break even.

10. New Fundraising Idea-Opt Out

People could provide a donation and designate their money to a specific cause and we would no longer bother them to volunteer or provide future donations for the remainder of the school year.

11. Holiday Extravaganza

Coordinator came in and advised that we are almost filled to capacity for vendors. Gift Wrapping can be done by PTO or by high school as a separate fundraiser.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:10PM

Next Meeting

1. Next Meeting is **October 23rd, 2019 at 3:30 & 6PM**. 6PM meeting to be held at the BES Library.

If you have a thought or idea that you would like to discuss at the next meeting be sure to reach out to a board member or community at large member to get added to the upcoming agenda.