BPTO MEETING

11-08-2018

9:00AM

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 148

Present:

BPTO Officers: Katie Morris, Danae Ledbetter, Mandi Byrd, Amanda Morrow

Elementary Officers: Tiffany Hastings (CES), Jocelyn Lampkin (WES), Julie Grau (TJES), Shannon Helman (AGES), Christina Baker (OCES), Danae Ledbetter (REBES), Amanda Morrow (CPES), Marci Pickett (WES)

Middle Schools: Kathy Matherly (RBMS), Krista Davis (AAMS), Kristen Caldwell (OHMS)

Junior Highs: Suzie Barnett (FJHS)

High Schools: Wanda Meinhardt (BHS)

BPS Administration: Dr. Jones

BPS School Board:

Conference Call: Rebecca Arnold (CGES)

Other Guests:

BPTO MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome/Meeting called to order by Katie Morris at 9:06am. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and on conference call.
2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes - no suggestions/changes made. Motion to approve Cooper, Fulbright second. All approved. No discussion. Approved by majority. No objections. Motion carried.
3. Approval of September and October Treasurer’s Report – Mandi review of Reports. Still trying to set a meeting up with Arvest to get charges dropped from previous months. Arvest had assured her that no more charges will accrue. Motion to approve made by Apple Glen, Cooper second. All approved. No discussion. Approved by majority. No objections. Motion carried.
4. Old Business

Best practice meeting in October – beneficial? – sent out minutes – if attended please give feedback – share ideas, ask questions

Creekside carnival tomorrow – waivers? - Osage Creek did a waiver for a bounce house and then canceled bounce house due to weather – insurance recommends having a waiver signed if PTO sponsored event when having any physical activities (bounce houses, obstacle courses, etc.) – make sure the vendor has insurance – number 1 important thing

Brightfield Aviator Games– covered by school because games ran by school not PTO

Dr.Jones – cannot sue school for liability – school district exempt

Vendors should have insurance – PTO should do waivers

Factors for waivers – Who plans events? Who gets money? Could we add to the student handbook? Online type form? Contact insurance agent directly if questions.

Use only bounce houses with liability insurance - maybe provide a worker from that company to run the bounce house – get copy of insurance from company to post at carnival

Waiver/disclaimer form on back of ticket?

Put together a committee for a waiver and options – Suzie Burnett – Fulbright – will head – handbook will not work for all kids – Cooper did waiver because they created obstacle course themselves – had 4 helpers - had kids feel out form before allowing on obstacle course

Dr.Jones – make a list of all questions and factors– allow district attorney to look out – send all ideas to Katie

1. New Business
   1. Parents Night Out – lots of liability with this – using lots of volunteers – not trained, not background checked – this is a huge liability – talked with Dr. Jones, attorneys, - all liability falls on PTO, - not worth the risk – biggest concern is with background checks – still concerns with losing a kid, kid getting hurt, allergy reaction, etc…

Centerton Gamble – have had PNO’s, school staff members help watch kids – PTOs need to have staff members with background checks – controls still need to be put in place – checkin/checkout in place – volunteers/kids ratio – allergy forms

Question – Do the cleaning staff at schools have background checks? – yes

PNO can happen if you staff with licensed background check working– if only parents volunteering – no – we should only allow kids that go to that school, no siblings

* 1. Scholarships – January – will start to get info – everyone needs to give one $500 scholarship – can give as many as you want past that but must be for $500 each – need to develop criteria – if changing criteria have to have vote by PTO membership – when setting criteria think about what is most important – can change on budget if you have extra money or less – but have to vote and change in your budget by membership – post secondary advisors will be here in January from both high schools to explain process - Try to get people outside the board to read and vote on winners – all application are online for reading
  2. Mid -year Financial Review – budgets all turned in on time – can be voted on and changed – can only spend over 10% without voting – will do your schools midyear with liaison – have form to check and fill out – document everything – dual signatures important – treasurer and or president must be present for midyear review – review binder – see if reports are in place – minutes/reports/statements/documents all in place for each month for check off
  3. Bylaw review – every 2 years – Vice President of BPTO responsibility – need committee to help with this – not time consuming – BPTO has a couple of things that have come up to add to bylaws – good to have one person from each level of schools – new or seasoned officers – please consider helping – send email to Sheri Martin – January/Feb time frame
  4. Mars donated Halloween candy – if your school needs please contact Amanda Morrow

Some schools needing playground equipment – please let Mandi Byrd know if you are looking to purchase equipment for your school, because bids are coming back high for some schools – maybe schools can get a discount if multiple pieces – Dr. Jones is going to check on issue with vendor of playground equipment, some schools are having difficulty with them responding- have to go through certain vendors for security clearance approved by district

Received $275 from Tyson – if any school is missing this, please contact Mandi Byrd so BPTO can transfer it to your school

1. District update – Dr. Jones – next Tuesday night Peachjar flyer on man that was friends with Anne Frank – he wrote a book and will talk about his experience

Annual report – overview – achievement scores – district did well – Act Aspire is a national assessment – is a projector test that will show how kids will do in high school on ACT – Bentonville requires all kids to take ACT in junior year – 22.3 average for district kids – higher than state – top 300 kids in state had a 30 composite score – kids can take more than once – IB diploma – 16 kids got this – if kids at west want to attend – they can apply

11 national merit semi-finalists in district

When comparing locally in state – we perform well above average

District has been looking in other states to compare to other top performing school districts – Ann Harbor, MI – Utah – Naperville, IL – Appleton area – Wisconsin – Lees Summit, MO – Bentonville

Setting higher goals than state – 4 yr grad rate – 3% median – district has a 92.4% graduation rate – district has a plan to help those that are not on track to graduate

Equal opportunity schools – target minority, poverty, and 1st time college kids in family – kids in this demographic took 45 minutes survey – enlightening answers for the district from these kids – most have families that don’t understand and can’t push their kids to take those classes needed to perform at a higher level

Facilities – bought NCR building – open next August for IGNITE – turned away 130 kids this year from the IGNITE program because of space – culinary still meeting at Brightwater – construction meeting at NWACC and will continue to do so – medical – getting to get real life experience – graduated 38 CNAs last year

Elementary – board voted on the name Evening Star – on Monday board will finalize zones – tweaks needed to be made – not all population – maps located on district website – will be able to put in address after tweaks are made to see what school your address is zoned for

Junior High – design almost done – will open in August 2020

State partnership money – next week go back to legislator to meet with them that are drafting bill – legislators on board to help fight for Bentonville

Principals and security officers went to training for threat assessments

Question - What kind of training do we give office staff? – yes – office staff has been trained for potential threats

1. Next meeting is January 10th – make sure you have one person from your school attend
2. Adjournment – 10:13am