

Berney PTA 12.6.5  
October 1, 2015  
Berney Library

Called to Order at 7:00 by President Rachel McCauley

**Attending:** Janelle Siller, Laura Lebowski, Rachel McCauley, Chrissty Cason, Nick Lane, Phillip Provost, Jenna Provost, Beth Milligan, Christy Krutulis, Jenna Terry, Guadalupe Perez, Jennifer Trapp, Tara Wyrembelski, Helen Case, Erin Pahlke, Ann Wilson, Kelly Casey, Brianne Christopher, Heather Nelson, Kelley Hubbard and Heather Slusser

**Approval of June Minutes:** Rachel McCauley moved to accept the June PTA minutes. Brianne Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

**President's Report:**

The fundraiser this year will be Otis Spunkmier cookie dough. We're returning to cookie dough for a change of pace and to hopefully raise more money. \$10,000 will cover the operating budget for the year. Beyond this, a new sound system and screen are needed for the gym. Based on parent input, we will craft the letter so that donating money straight to Berney is also an option. 45% of each cookie dough order goes to Berney.

Field day will be PTA run with Twyla Swanson taking the lead. We are making a change this year as the outside vendor has had the same options for years, and we're ready for a change. A committee will be started to help plan various activities and decide what needs to be bought with the \$800 allocated to field day.

Movie Night will be supported by Carrie and Josh Gonzales again this year. The plan is for four movies. November, January, March, and May. Dates will be determined soon, with the May movie hopefully outside.

Hearing and Vision screening will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. 6 volunteers are needed. Please contact Lisa Davis or Nancy Montgomery, the nurse.

Officers are needed for the 2016-17 school year. We are in need of a president, vice president and secretary. If someone is interested they could shadow and start to learn about the job now.

**Principal's Report:**

Whitman PARTnership is under way. Six women were hired last year, two for K-1, two for 2-3, and two for 4-5. They have met with teachers and planned the first art lessons which will be happening between now and December.

This weekend we will be working from 9-12 in the garden to get it ready for winter. All volunteers are welcome and we will have volunteers from Whitman's Make a Difference Project joining us. Joy Bader will be our garden coordinator this year, and Lori Thomas will be the teacher representative. We have committed the requested \$500 from PTA toward the \$1600 garden coordinator position.

We had a great turn out for Back on the Road program with 49 new bike helmets handed out and 51 flat tires repaired. We've had the best turn out so far of the elementary schools that have been included.

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7pm is the Whitman Science Night. It's free, and open to all families.

We have made a connection with Grace Methodist Church next door. We have asked them to help collect box tops, and they may be adopting us as one of their annual projects.

The Berney leadership team would like to support an increase in PTA and parent involvement. They would like to put out a survey this year to find out what we could offer in the time of meetings, or structure, to get more people involved.

We were awarded at \$2500 Welch Community Grant from Baker Boyer. This was written to support upgrades of projectors and sound systems in classrooms.

A grant with Sea-Tech, Pioneer, and Prospect Point was awarded and includes Berney in the Lego grant. We will start with fifth grade this year.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Current Profit and Loss was presented. Changes will be made for next time as the circled items came in after the close of the year, and need to be moved over to the new school year.

We have 40 paid members, and 120 members. We need 25 members to be a registered PTA with the state. We get \$.50 of the joining fee.

Heather Slusser moved to approve the treasurer's report. Brianne Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried.

#### **Questions/Comments:**

We need to get information out to families about committees and the level of commitment. Christy and Kelley will work on this.

We need to communicate to families when they sign up for PTA, or during fundraisers, that they can give money directly to the Berney PTA so that 100% of their money goes to Berney. More families are willing to give money, but need to know where it's best to direction their money.

Could the Vice President be in charge of communication, or could other current president duties be reassigned to the VP since they don't have many?

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.