PTO Meeting, September 18, 2017 at 7pm

1. Introductions—Lark
2. Principal’s Report—Shelia
   1. We had a good start to the school year
      1. Kids had to stay inside during recess for the first couple of days due to air quality
   2. Curriculum Night
      1. It was a success!
      2. There were some technology issues, but overall gym presentation was a good idea
3. Conferences and Report Cards
   1. Conferences will be in October
   2. Will send link to sign up by Friday
   3. 20 minute conferences
   4. There will be only two report cards now
      1. We will have a conference in the fall, a report card in the winter, a conference in the spring, and a report card at the end of the year
4. Oct 10th picture day
5. Go Fund Me for RFF to supplement requests
   1. Teachers have discussed using Go Fund me as a way to supplement requests for RFF
   2. Beaver Acres does it
   3. The Hoxy family is willing to present how they use it at Beaver Acres
   4. This could be a way to fund everyone’s request
   5. We will discuss this more when the jogathon is over
6. Can popcorn fund fifth grade field trip to Biztown?
   1. We will make a motion at October meeting.
   2. There was also a request for it to go to the fourth grade field trip.
7. Students will not be released to the classroom until 8:00am in the morning
   1. Fourth and fifth grade students have been hanging out around the portable. There has been an issue because kids that are tardy are joining the group that is on-time that walks in to the classroom. They kids that come in the front door will get an “I’m on time pass”.
8. Treasure Report –Nicole
   1. \*See treasure report
   2. The white envelopes are due on Sept 22nd
   3. Jogathon will dictate the overall budget because we forecast
   4. Reimbursements need to be submitted within thirty days of purchase
9. Old Business—Lark
   1. School Supplies
      1. There were lots of issues with the supplies that were ordered
      2. The remaining supplies will all arrive soon
      3. They will be providing the school with free supplies as a goodwill donation
      4. They will also donate supplies to Barnes Elementary as another goodwill donation
      5. There were both inventory and packing issues
      6. All three companies that were interviewed for us to use, ended up having issues
      7. We will choose another company next year to use
         1. Next year, we should look into Bonny Slope’s company
   2. Back to School Picnic
      1. It was a success!
      2. We made over $462 for our concessions and raffle, but spent $335 on concessions and $350 on the DJ. We have a lot of concessions left over, and those will be used at future events.
      3. Volunteer sign ups went well and there were many people that signed up. It was nice to have people there to promote their committees
   3. School Dude
      1. Please email Lark and she will submit it
   4. Morning Coffee and Treats
      1. There was a good turn out
10. Volunteering—Lindsey
    1. There have been over 100 new volunteers in the last couple of weeks
    2. Due to system issues, only Lindsey can input volunteers
    3. Lindsey is working to reorganize the login page, so it is easier sign in
    4. Volunteering with siblings—siblings are no longer allowed to be with parents who volunteer at a school event
       1. Parents can bring their kids if they are coming to cheer on their kids at jogathon or field day, but they may not help
       2. On the Move volunteers will no longer be able to have younger siblings
       3. Heather and Lindsey are writing a letter about concerns about volunteer sign ups (i.e. not using GoogleDoc) and not being able to have parents with siblings help out at events
          1. If anyone else would like to help, please contact one of them
       4. According to Principal Shelia, if there is a double checking system in place, then Google Docs may be an option?
11. New Business
    1. Destination Imagination--Jen
       1. It is a K-5, STEM based program
       2. Info night from 6-8 9/21 in cafeteria
    2. Green Team--Jen
       1. It will be 3rd to 4th grade
       2. Parents interested in helping out, please let
    3. Water bottle filing station--Jen
       1. $1476 has been fundraised to add a water filling station the cafeteria
       2. We are about halfway to the cost
       3. Can we get refunded for the cost of cups to go to filling station?
    4. Recruitment event for Boy Scouts--Jen
       1. Bike Race at 3pm on Sunday
       2. If interested in participating in Boy Scouts contact Dan Anderson
    5. Jogathon
       1. PTO will provide costumes to ride on the tricycles if we meet our goal
       2. Jogathon envelopes will have their first collection on Friday
    6. Dinner Night Out
       1. Bethany Public House lunch and dinner on Wednesday 9/20
       2. You must show the flyer on your phone or print it out
       3. The proceeds will go into general fund
       4. We are looking for a Dinner Night Out chair for next year. If you are interested, please contact Lark
    7. Tshirts
       1. Tshirt orders are extended to Wednesday
       2. The next order will be in October
       3. One concern that Heather brought up is that the jogathon tshirt that kids receive is decreasing tshirt sales
       4. We have sold around $1700, and it cost $1800 to make the shirts
       5. Gear Up will be an option to take over tshirt orders next years
          1. They will use Mighty Print
          2. You are given a link to order online
          3. The shirts will be shipped directly to your home
          4. There will be a 30% discount for school staff and PTO board members
          5. If the sales on the site exceeds $2500 the board will receive a bonus check for $250 and 10% of sales moving forward
             1. We can add our jogathon shirt to the orders, and that will help us reach $2500
          6. We can design our own logo and place it on the shirts, and we can choose any style we want and any colors that we want
          7. We could preorder them and then sell them at the back to school picnic
          8. Jen will ask Bethany Elementary how much they have made with this versus with regular sales
          9. We will vote on it in October
12. Picture Day
    1. We have about 10 volunteers
    2. Volunteer cannot comb hair and/or wash faces
13. Dinner Night Out with Divine Dinners
    1. There will be two evenings where parents can come to prepare meals
    2. They will add more days if there is an interest
    3. The cost is $34.99 up to 10 people each night
    4. $10 per person will be donated to the school
14. Choir
    1. Sept 26th will be the first day for choir
    2. Yellow forms were sent home to sign up
    3. Turn in forms ASAP; spots are filling up fast!