

**JB Nelson PTO Meeting
February 7, 2017
6:00 p.m., LRC**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Minutes

Minutes from January 10, 2017 approved

3. Officers' Reports

a) President's report (Natalia Domovessova)

- a. Donuts with Dads last Saturday, good attendance, got people to sign up for Watch DOGS and non-watch DOGS events.
- b. Committee chairperson found for School Supplies next year
- c. New district-wide school supply lists finalized last week
- d. PTO Today Open House April 20 at Pheasant Run. Cost \$10. PTO will cover ticket cost for a few members who wish to attend. Contact Natalia Domovessova if interested.

b) Principal's Report (Mrs. Prentiss)

- a. Congratulations to Donuts with Dads. School has to keep adding more slots to keep up with demand from dads.
- b. Love of reading book drive is coming up on Valentine's Day. Gently used and new books accepted. Leftover books from Game Night bingo will be donated to the book drive.
- c. Update on projects
 - i. Google Incubator students are looking for old yoga mats. Will be made into sit-upons that will be outside. Need to be brought in this month.
 - ii. Courtyard pergola design meeting coming up, will end up with a supply list for the kids. Kids will use the shopping list to price compare online, will come to PTO next month to share their project.
 - iii. Eagle Scout we met last month decided not to proceed with the PTO shed project. Pursuing several other scouts to help with the project. BPS Facilities will get everything into the courtyard for the scouts.
 - iv. LRC remodeling project: Working with Sherwin Williams, will do mockups for us in 3 color schemes. District is paying for labor and cost of paint. First quote for carpet squares to replace current carpet was too high. If school handles carpet removal, cost is \$13,000. District wants to do paint and carpet this summer. JBN parent Charlie Johnsos has rendered

floorplans for the LRC so school can start looking at layouts and furniture.

- v. STEM School lottery happening now. 8 seats open to 3rd grade students from BPS101.

c) Treasurer's Report

- a. Income for January was \$1,663.18 including \$990.40 for Box Tops from March-November 2016, \$556 from Terracycle and \$86.50 from the McAlister's Dining Night. Expenses were \$407.97. Balance currently \$33,447.59.

4. Regular Business

a) After school Chess Club:

- a. Representative from Chess Scholars presented their program, run at 300 schools in the Chicagoland area. 15:1 student-instructor ratio. 15-20 minutes of instruction followed by 40-45 minutes of students playing each other. 6-10 weeks per session, there is a tournament near the end, all students get a medal, winner gets a trophy. "Chess belt" system that encourages advancement (colored wristbands). Fee is \$12/class. Fee may increase to accommodate district's rental fee. Classes are appropriate for K-5. Instructor availability is highest in our area on Mondays on Fridays. Minimum of 6 kids needed. Online registration. Spring session would start end of March/early April. Would want to get flyers out 4 weeks early (end of Feb/first week in March). PTO members in attendance registered interest in trying the program for the spring session. Natalia and Mrs. Prentiss will follow up with Chess Scholars.

b) Game Night

- a. Erica will use whatever food is in the PTO kitchen to sell for Game Night.

c) Fun Fair

- a. Time will be 5:00-7:30 on Monday, May 8.
- b. A survey will sent out to parents to gather information about what people liked/didn't like last year.
- c. Need a few parents to help with games starting now.

d) Construction of new PTO shed

- a. See Principal's report

e) AtoZ Directory contract extension

- a. Natalia obtained a PDF version of the directory for this year; will leave some copies in the school office for those who may ask about paper directories.
- b. PTO members present approved extending contract for AtoZ by one year.

5. Announcements

a) Vacant Positions

- a. Teacher's Appreciation Chair – Will be filled by PTO high school interns + Mrs. Phillips
 - b. Egg Hunt – Mike Wnek leading. Date changed to Saturday, April 8 at 9am.
 - c. Instrument Sale – Still need a committee chair
- b) Upcoming events:
- a. Feb 10 – Game Night
 - b. Feb 15 – Chuck E Cheese
 - c. Mar 11 – Panera
 - d. Apr 19 – Portillo's

6. Questions/Updates/Comments

7. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.