

**Bellaire Elementary PTO**  
**September 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**I. Welcome (Jamie Reiber)**

**a. 6:33 start time**

**II. Principal Report**

**a. GaGa ball pit is very dusty**

- i. some teachers not using it for this reason
- ii. might want to look into coverings

**b. Community Event coming up**

- i. September 13
- ii. Taking it to the Streets w/United Way
- iii. food, face painting, community resources

**c. Trying to get more of a unified logo/mascot for elementary schools**

- i. Thundering Herd- more unity - having a contest for a more kid-friendly bison
  - 1. every elementary school will have a vote
  - 2. district wide vote for a new mascot for elementary schools
  - 3. possibly will not even put school names on it in future
- ii. Does not effect anything this year- we still have the bulldog but it will be phased out.
- iii. Intent to build spirit of "We're all Carlisle."

**d. Discussion of reading drop off over the summer**

- i. learning period becomes January to May
- ii. consideration of a year-round reading calendar
  - 1. kick-off celebration for a summer reading program the day following concluding the school reading program
  - 2. Ms Spadea -> Once a month someone sits at Bellaire with a box of books, if you turn in your calendar that month you get a book (or other prize?).

**III. Treasurer Report (Jaime)**

**a. Checking balance**

- i. gaga ball pit, recess equipment, fall festival
- ii. deposits include donations from fall fest, car show parking
- iii. down a little bit, but we have fall festival coming up

**IV. Communication**

- a. E-mail – [BellaireElementaryPTO@gmail.com](mailto:BellaireElementaryPTO@gmail.com)
- b. Facebook – Bellaire Elementary PTO
- c. Bulldog Beat – PTO Corner
- d. We check all these venues frequently!

**V. Fundraising (Kristi Focht)**

- a. Dining for Dollars
  - i. Bruster's – August 28 – brought in over \$75.00
  - ii. Meadows and Napoli – just mention Bellaire
  - iii. South Side Deli – PLACE ORDERS IN ADVANCE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE
  - iv. Chick-Fil-A – will need volunteers
  - v. Marcello's – December 18<sup>th</sup> all day
- b. Box Tops for Education (and app)
  - i. Collection will be in October
  - ii. still clippable
  - iii. The app is super easy
  - iv. Discussion of allowing parents to send in receipts
  - v. NOT still a job for 5th graders
    - 1. new ideas will be made to reward students as classroom winners cannot be done since results cannot be processed that way with the electronic system
- c. Little Caesar Pizza Kit Sale
  - i. moving up this year -> have over different holiday breaks
  - ii. September
    - 1. amount last year-
    - 2. Any extra after that will be put in the PTO account towards the budget costs
- d. Upcoming Events
  - i. FALL FESTIVAL
    - 1. Mr. Bell will be in the dunk tank!
    - 2. Some shifts available for 5th graders
    - 3. Community Organizations coming this year
    - 4. Craft Vendors
    - 5. LOTS of raffle prizes!

**VI. Class Parties (Jaime)**

- a. Coming up after fall festival
- b. Will need volunteer to lead and help with each class (must have your clearances to help)

- c. Party dates
  - i. Halloween – 10/31
  - ii. Winter/Holiday – 12/20
  - iii. Spring – 4/8
- VII. Teacher Requests (Jaime)**
  - a. Request from First grade Teachers
    - i. \$135 for Time Travelers Trunk Program
    - ii. they bring in artifacts, dress kids up, amazing program
    - iii. 50% funded by school districts
    - iv. give to presenter day of
    - v. unanimous yes
- VIII. Book Fair Update (Lisa Balog)**
  - a. September 23-27 (Family Event at the Fall Festival – 9/21)
  - b. Still looking for volunteers to help during the week. Sign-up genius on the Facebook page and in the Bulldog Beat.
  - c. No Family Night Event, so no crafts, etc needed
- IX. Proposal of bimonthly rather than monthly PTO general meetings**
  - a. Mr. Bell - nothing says we need monthly meetings
  - b. paying a babysitter
  - c. often not new business
- X. Class Parties**
  - a. lead have confusion sometimes, need to avoid burnout
  - b. Mrs Pluta -> “less is best!”
  - c. kids really want simple (junk food and movie)
- XI. Other Upcoming Events**
  - a. 50 Links art party (Kanazawa)
  - b. Halloween Parade
    - i. at school, walk out by 5th grade, onto road, left, walk around, enter by gym
    - ii. kids see each other and good parent visibility
    - iii. and/or hairpin route
  - c. Downtown Parade theme TBD
- XII. Other Business**
  - a. Public Comment
- XIII. Next Meeting –**
  - a. no next meeting scheduled
- XIV. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm**