

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/13/25

Meeting time: 3:30-4:30pm

- Don't forget to sign in so you can be in the drawing for the gift card
- Approval of minutes from December meeting
 - Meeting minutes from December are approved
- We received \$496.61 from King Soopers for Oct - Dec
 - This is from linking Ivy Stockwell PTO as your community organization for fundraising
 - Since September we have gotten \$856 from King Soopers
 - Information about this will come out again in the newsletter
- The Book Swap was successful this year. Thanks to Jessica for your hard work helping to gather books and organize!
 - Kids do not need to bring in a book to trade now
 - Parents have the opportunity to donate books prior to the event in the spring if they have unused
- Glow Dance has been postponed date TBD
 - It did not go out in the newsletter from Ivy but may have gone out in class newsletters written off of the internal calendar
- Dessert dash is a fun event where tables bid to pick a dessert from a table
- Justine asked if she can donate her tickets that they receive as a business sponsor to help more teachers attend.
- Restaurant fundraisers
 - Tomorrow, Tuesday 1/14 is the fundraiser at Bradfords from 4-8pm
 - This is a an opportunity to support a local business and give back to the PTO
 - Google says that Bradford's is closed Tuesday but they are not
 - We have the check from the qdoba fundraiser
 - Restaurant fundraisers will go towards the playground funds
- STEM night is January 30th 4:30-7pm
 - The school could use donations of more legos to use for the Lego station if anyone has extras they are looking to get rid of
 - We may be able to check on facebook marketplace for some
- Room parents - Valentine's Day is next month and room parents help work with a teacher to organize a "party" for their classroom
 - These are usually about 20-30 minutes
- Butterbraids were super successful. There was one mistake for an order and everything else was smooth. We raised a little over 5,000 dollars. The money is going towards the playground funds.
- Playground is moving along. We are looking to purchase several items for kids to use this year and also are working on selecting potential structures.

- Talent show - we are going back and forth with two possible dates. February 27th at Berthoud High School or March 11th at Ivy are the potential dates. The high school is the first priority but if that does not work out then the 11th is the backup option.
- Yearbook - there is a link where you can submit photos from any Ivy events that you may have taken that can be used. You can submit any photos that you may have and the yearbook will go through and approve them. The yearbook cover artwork is due the 17th if they want to submit.
- Berthoud Schools Fund - Carolyn H.
 - Fundraiser in April the first weekend Berthoud Bash. It is April 5th this year and the theme this year is Western (Boot Scootin' Bash) in honor of the 150th anniversary of education in Berthoud.
 - There will be a dj again this year and possibly a line dancing instructor
 - It is at the Embassy Suites in Loveland - many people spend the night. If you are going to stay at the hotel make sure you book a room with the code.
 - It is a fun event that raises money for the schools
 - There is a live auction hosted by a BHS graduate and also a silent auction
 - We need volunteers to ask businesses for donations if anyone is interested in this. Please see Tracy or email events@berthoudschoolsfund.org if you are interested in this and we will set you up with the form.
 - There will also be opportunities for volunteers day of for set up
 - Usually there are over 300 items for bidding
 - PTO is sponsoring a table for Ivy staff so that more staff can go
 - Principal for the day and a VIP parking spot are available in the live auction
 - Each grade level will have a theme for grade baskets
 - You can contribute towards each basket
 - In the past we have solicited donations of items or money towards baskets
 - Ashley M is coordinating the grade baskets this year
 - Holly Vining has been the event planner the last ten years. Tracy from Ivy and another mom from Berthoud El are going to take over the planning for this year
 - Early bird ticket pricing will be available at a discount
 - All bidding is online and you can also participate in the bidding from home for \$10
 - You can also set max bids so you don't spend more than you would like
 - You can buy individual tickets or a table (if buying tickets you can request table sitting by friends)
 - Started 16 years ago by a couple who moved here from Iowa. They wanted to start a fundraiser to help the Berthoud Schools get more technology. Initially money raised went towards promethean boards.
 - This has been a successful fundraiser and Berthoud schools have always had very strong technology thanks to the Berthoud Schools Fund
 - It usually raises about 160,000 dollars in the one night
 - Schools can submit requests to the BSF to fund various projects. Projects are then voted on for funding. Now technology has increased through the district project focuses have expanded to include STEAM related projects.

Transportation for field trips, experiential learning, etc are all things that are funded. The tech room at Turner Middle School was funded through BSF. Scientific instruments at the high school have been provided through this.

- Treasurer's report
 - \$4,241.34 in checking
 - \$51,824.66 in savings
 - \$6,180 in playground account
 - \$5,379.22 in outdoor classroom
- Playground update
 - The district has responded to the playground form and now the committee will meet with Anne Marie to hear back from the district
 - We are connected with the representative from Recreation plus and will be working with them to pick a couple structures for the Ivy community to choose from.
- We will have a new teacher liaison next year and we wish Ms. Ellis the best next year
- Next meeting is February 2nd at 6pm
 - Is this alternating meeting schedule working for everyone?
 - Yes
- Jessica Erickson is our new treasurer
 - She will be added as a cosigner on all Ivy PTO accounts