



Ballwin Elementary PSO (Parent Staff Organization)

400 Jefferson, Ballwin, MO 63021

Ballwin Elementary School

Meeting Date: 1/13/25

Meeting Location: Library

Meeting Minutes

Welcome: In attendance: Emily Manninger, Ashley Force, Mandy Pelhank, Dr Ortyl, Meg Acelar, Sarah Torretta-Trout, Jennifer Brinker, Kristen Bracken, Katie Jess, Heather Connell,

Principal Report: Thank you for your patience with all of the snow and ice. Fingerprinting will be required for field trips as of April 1st. Please see the newsletter for more information.

Kindergarten registration starts tomorrow! Tell your friends and neighbors.

Teacher conferences are in February this year.

Cookie day was a great success.

Treasurer's Report: see budget

Winterfest Update: great success! Several dad's wanted to help with the pancakes. Next year we will make batter the night before.

Trivia:

Still looking for new trivia chair for the 25-26 school year

Event Insurance purchased

12-13 tables as of right now.

Questions are done

Speaker being borrowed from PE.

Over 90 auction items and growing.

Need help with set up/break down.

FEATS

EEA

Updates? - Mrs. Davis suggested a food drive during Ramadan - No update on this.

Rockwoods got your Back



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End of February to end of March

Different stories at Winterfest and different table decorations

BWYB

February 6 - 3rd Grade, March 6 - 4th grade, April 3- 5th grade

Need help for Next year. Meg isn't sure she will be able to help. Recommend people help once or twice this year to get the hang of it.

Family Event

- February 28 - Bingo: Need a tech person from rockwood for this. Carrie S did it last year. Dr Ortyl said that she should be able to help.

Spring Parties

- March 14th - During Specials-need to plan

Free Money

- March 10 - Culver's
- January 21-Deweys
- Feb 10-Texas Roadhouse, plus gift card sales. Both are 10% back and you can use e gift cards at the restaurant to give back twice.

School kits: switching to 1st day school kits after horrible communication and packaging of school kits this year. Kristin B had a kit for us to look through. Each kit is triple checked before being sent. They are organized by grade on a pallet when shipped. \$4 a box markup. 50 minimum will be waived for the first year or two.

Current PSO Board	
Co- Presidents	Emily Manninger & Brittany Whitcraft
Co - Secretaries	Jocelyn Halsey and Ashley Force
Treasurer	Mandy Pelhank
PSO Committees	
Spirit Wear	Meg Acelar
Free Money Events	Sarah Torretta Trout



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Grade Level Shirts	Jocelyn Halsey
Boosterthon	Ashley Force & Jocelyn Halsey
Trunk or Treat	Mandy Pelhank
Winterfest	Brittany Whitcraft, Emily Manninger & Mandy Pelhank
Veterans Day	Ashley Force
Trivia Night	OPEN for 2025 - 2026 School Year
FEATS <small>Families Enthusiastically Appreciating Teachers and Staff</small>	Kristie Anderson, Julie Millburg, Katie Jess, Shannon Moore
Carnival	Jocelyn Halsey & Ashley Force
Buzz Book	Susan Bergman
EEA <small>Educational Equity & Access</small>	Katie Soetaert
Family Events	Mandy Pelhank, Jen Roskowske, Emily Manninger
BWYB <small>Breakfast With Your Bear</small>	Jen Rosowske and Katie Sortaert
School Kits	Kristen Bracken
Class Parties	Ashley Force, Emily Manninger, Heather Connell, Abby Brown

We would love to have more help and see new faces as well as old ones. If you are looking to get more involved in our amazing school, please reach out at BallwinPSO@gmail.com