Ballwin Elementary PSO
(Parent School Organization)
400 Jefferson, Ballwin, MO 63021

Ballwin Elementary School
Meeting Date: 11/17/25
Meeting Location: Library
In Attendance: Dr Ortyl, Ms Ryan, Emily Manninger, Ashley Force, Mandy Pelhank, Sarah Torretta-Trout, Jordan Renner, Abby Mucklow, Cassy Cook, Heather Connell, Merima Omerovic

Agenda/Meeting Notes

- Welcome & Introductions
- Principal's Report
    - Buzz Book is complete and will go out in Dr Ortyl's Family Update
    - Veteran's Day was a great success
    - 1st Grade BWYB had a huge turnout
    - Fall Parties and Boosterthon were also a huge success
    - Secretarial Assistant is need: 6 hours a day—reach out to Dr Ortyl if interested.
- Treasurer's Report:
    - Reimbursed Sammy the Eagle Scout
    - 5th grade fun day deposit was paid
    - Custodian Appreciation Day was funded
    - Bank Balance: $64,452.51 is current bank balance; $1600 in outstanding checks, Current Available Funds (after appropriated funds): $27,721.70
    - Suggestion was made to look into moving the Appropriated Funds into the savings account to potentially gain interest. Treasurers will look into this option.
- Teacher Wish List – Teacher requests are in and after the meeting, PSO board and any others wishing to attend will vote to approve/deny items on the wish list.
    - All approved wish list items to be ordered in the next few weeks.
- FEATS – Cookie Day is next. Will be looking for donations of homemade or store bought cookies for staff to box up and bring home to their families. Official date to be decided soon, but it will be some time before Winter Break
- EEA: no report
- BWYB

    - Second grade – December 3rd
- Restaurant Nights
    - Clear the Cup is this week (11/17-11/22): not a fundraiser—a treat for our teachers & staff
    - No December Restaurant/Event Nights
    - Skyzone in January
    - Looking into Slick City over winter break
- Spring Fundraiser
    - Jackie Williams & Sarah Toretta Trout volunteered to be in charge of an event for next year—thinking music BINGO
    - Requested not to be in charge of the silent auction
- Boosterthon
    - Made $21,000 (SUCCESS!)
    - Next year's Fun Run dates are set: begins 10/22; Fun Run is Oct 30
- Trunk or Treat
    - Decided on date of 10/16/26
- Veterans Day
    - Great success yet again!
    - Purchased pre-made coffee—was a big hit
    - Need branch flags—wish list?
- **WINTERFEST**
    - December 13. 8:00am-11:00am
    - Will need volunteers. Parent Square post to go out soon.
    - Concern was voiced for getting volunteers, especially during the middle of the event (9-10). Response: make the middle shifts shorter (9-9:30; 9:30-10). Will do this.
    - Cover a Tree to Cover a Child has already begun. Ballwin Scout Troop #621 will collect items in the lobby until December 19 and deliver to Rockwood Gives Back
    - NEW this year: no wintergrams, reindeer food, or reindeer hot cocoa; instead will be selling decorated sugar cookies $5 each
    - Request was made to publish the list of what teachers will be storytelling & at what times. Response: it depends on how quickly our list fills with staff volunteers if this is possible. The schedule will be held by our wooden Ballwin Bear outside the library on the day of the event.

Ballwin PSO Board and Committee Members

Current PSO Board	2025-2026
Co- Presidents	Emily Manninger
Vice President	Heather Connell
Co - Secretaries	Ashley Force & Mandy Pelhank
Treasurer	Katie & Derek Jess
PSO Committees	
Spirit Wear	Meg Acelar
Restaurant Nights	Sarah Torretta Trout
Grade Level Shirts	Abby Mucklow
Boosterthon	Ashley Force, Heather Connell
Trunk or Treat	Jordan Renner, Melissa Melnick
Winterfest	Emily Manninger, Mandy Pelhank, Jordan Renner
Veterans Day	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow
FEATS Families Enthusiastically Appreciating Teachers and Staff	Julie Millburg, Katie Jess, Nicole Lester
Carnival	Ashley Force, Heather Connell, Mandy Pelhank
EEA Educational Equity & Access	Leah Owczarczak
Family Events	Jen Roskowske, Emily Manninger, Jackie WIlliams
BWYB Breakfast With Your Bear	Jen Roskowske, Katie Soetart, Abby Mucklow
School Kits	Kristen Bracken
Class Parties	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow, Heather Connell
Communications	Mandy Pelhank

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