



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

Ballwin Elementary School

Meeting Date: 2/10/26

Meeting Location: Library

Agenda/Meeting Notes

- Welcome & Introductions: In attendance:
 - Staff: Dr Ortyl
 - Heather Connell, Ashley Force, Katie Jess, Katie Soetaert, Sarah Torretta-Trout, Stephanie Vogel, Heather Ihrig
- Principal's Report : Bingo night was really fun! We just celebrated ROSE awards, Mrs Stroot, Mrs Beshore, all 3 cafe team members, Carrie Santel, Ms Kloptein were nominated. We have used 3 out of 4 of our traditional snow days. After that it is an AMI day that is needed for the state recording. We did one night of in person parent teacher conferences. This was a district wide change for 2nd semester. Looking for feedback on that. We had 52 kids out for flu a/b/and strep. The little ones just love to share! Field trips are coming up, you will need a background check.
- Informed K12 email was legit and parents will need to click on each email per school.
- Treasurer's Report See budget on the website. We payed for transportation, FEATS, One School one book, BWYB 3rd and 4th grade.
- FEATS: Conference meal was U kraft and it was really great. Thank you for donations. Looking for a theme for teacher appreciation week. Dr O will let her know when she has it.
- EEA
- BWYB
 - 5th grade- last one! No one needs to make muffins next year. BWYB is under budget, and buying them next year will not mess that up.
- Restaurant Nights
 - Sky Zone-seemed well attended. Still waiting on a check. The day off school after was wonderful!
 - Working on one for Slick City over spring break.

- 2/23 Texas Roadhouse -The Armadillo can come back. Needs to check into the office and can be at the pick up line.
- Family Nights
 - Bingo was a huge success! Jen counted around 133 people in attendance. Made about \$200 after concessions. Frank suggested 2 people to work the door.
 - 4/10 Ballwin gives back Movie Night: Kids will get to vote for this movie. We will collect canned food and hygiene items for Rockwood gives back. Katie S offered to take donations to Fairway.
- Carnival: Prizes bought, games rented
- Class Parties:all planned around the book, The Cricket in times square.
- Amber will take on the auction for the spring fundraiser. Amber is Heather's sister and her son will be here next year in 2nd grade.

Looking ahead - Open Positions for 2026-2027

- Vice President
- Family Nights
- Winterfest
- Feats
- Breakfast with your bear

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, Mary Beth Nicely, Leah Chartrand
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

