

BELLEFONTE ELEMENTARY PTO MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

- ❖ Meeting called to order at (6:31 P.M.) by Melissa Smith.
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance followed welcome.
- ❖ President's Report: Melissa Smith-
 - Updated everyone on email rules and what we expect to come out of this year.
 - Update in New and Old Business
- ❖ Vice President's Report: Becca Clancy- Nothing
- ❖ Treasurer's Report: Melissa Smith-
 - Went over the budget and proposed a new school year budget.
 - Discussed combining budgets for Benner and Bellefonte and preparing for the increase in kids. (Back to school bash for next year was discussed)
 - Motion to approve budget – Julie Bowman and Nicole McNew
- ❖ Secretary's Report: Emily Budosh-
 - Motion to approve May notes – Julie Bowman and Nancy Saxon-Mattie
- ❖ Principal's Report: Mr. Baughman-
 - Thanking our last year teacher reps, thanked Fisher and Wolfe for this year.
 - Touched on the new building.
- ❖ Guest Speakers: Nicole Kohlepp and Jackie Wynkoop talking about federal programs. (MTSS)
 - ESSA gives title funds grant, Title 1 reading, Title 1 part D, Title Part 2A, Title 3A, Title 4A. Went over the Title 1,
 - Schools qualify if 30% are free or reduce lunch (socioeconomics).
 - Passed around sign in for documentation.
 - Title 1 was discussed; huge part is parent and family activities (family reading night).
 - Discussed writing the policy to show how they will meet the guidelines and wanting our feedback. Discussed incorporating the title 1 into our already planned events. Possibly they will set up a table.
 - Parents asked questions about the policies: Andrea asked if families could opt out, yes! Andrea also suggested prizes. Angie asked about progress of students, translating it over to home.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Back to School Night- went over event.
- ❖ Meadows Fundraiser – went over event. Made \$520!
- ❖ Back to school Night – went over event.
- ❖ Still looking for a Treasurer for this school year. Melissa Smith will assume the role of the treasurer while being President until someone volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Memberships- New PTO sign-ups are low, hoping that the homeroom captain's emails going out will help. We also need help with different activities. Due Oct 10.
- ❖ VIG is still happening- changed it slightly.
- ❖ Krispy Kreme is out for families. Due Oct. 1! Help needed! Sign-up for distribution. Melissa is making time slots. Distro is 10/8/2025
- ❖ Box Tops- Need to have someone to scan receipts. Anyone who wants to take over getting that info out is happy to have that position. You can also link your Weis card and it will give Bellefonte a % to the school.
- ❖ Teacher Reimbursement- PTO reimbursement of \$150 to teachers for supplies.
- ❖ Teacher Appreciation- Increase budget to include custodians and other school workers. \$1000 budget is approved by Nancy Saxon-Mattie and Becca Clancy.
- ❖ Holiday Store Craft Night- September 24 come and bring your hot glue gun!
- ❖ Teachers Lunch- Provide lunch for teachers.
- ❖ Family Movie Night- September 19 @ 7:30-8 – Bad Guys! If you sign up to help for a free popcorn and a drink. We have Omela, is like Venmo so you don't need cash.
- ❖ Holiday Store
- ❖ Custodian Appreciation Day- Oct 2. Snacks and drinks!
- ❖ Teacher Snack Cart- Fall and Spring. You can donate! Walk around and they get to pick 2 things.
- ❖ Julie- wooden ornament, she is reaching out to see what we can do and cost. Opening up to the community.

Meeting adjourned at **7:42** by Melissa Smith.