

Benfield PTA Meeting  
February 10, 2020  
7 PM

**Attendees:**

Lisa Crislip  
Amy Gilbert  
Sharon Ward  
Elizabeth Somerset  
Carolyn Kobosko  
Susan Myers  
Mike Murray  
Gayle Wolfe  
Katie Carlin

**Opening:**

Meeting minutes approved via email and posted to the PTA website

**Treasurer Report**

Current bank balance is \$24,495.39

- Deposit report – largest deposits include Variety Show (\$2,300), Yearbook (\$3,781) and musical registrations (\$2,800). Mrs. Myers will include information on Box Top app in next newsletter so parents are reminded how it works
- Withdraw report – largest withdraws include Crofton Bowling Center (\$2,600), yearbook deposit (\$2,862) and outdoor music area (\$18,700). Teacher wish-list items have also ticked up.
- The Boosterthon and Benny's will need to raise \$20,000 to end the year on budget. It was recommended to get images of the new outdoor music elements to share when advertising Boosterthon. Katie Carlin will follow up with organizers.

**Principal Report**

Mrs. Myers is talking with parks and rec to revisit walking path installation. She is also looking into bumpers for the metal pathway outside. There have been questions around how indoor recess is decided. The school looks at temperature but also considers wind and state of grounds after rain. They will start to open the SACC room on select indoor recess days.

The Superintendent's 2021 budget was shared. Most important is the "Enhancing Elementary Excellence" for Severna Park cluster which will give Benfield an additional teacher in cultural arts (STEM class or humanities). There will be a transportation meeting in March for the county.

Congrats to Benfield's young author winners – Lawson Terhune, Emme Willis and Benjamin Gilbert!

**President Report**

The new book vending machine is on schedule to deliver in the next week or two. Parents met with Benfield's reading and media specialists to get a book list and were able to get almost

every book on discount at the Scholastic Book Warehouse. Severna Park Voice expressed interest in covering the story as it will be one of the first in Maryland. The school will decide best placement and process for kids to get book tokens.

### **VP of Administration Report**

No Updates

### **VP of Fundraising Report**

Cubes2U will sponsor the Bowie Baysox chorus trip shirts. Four sponsors have agreed to sponsor the Boosterthon t-shirts. A call will go out for additional businesses to sponsor the Boosterthon shirts as all funds raised over cost of the shirts come directly back to Benfield.

There may be opportunity to tie Benny's BBQ into Boosterthon incentives. The PTA will send Mrs. Myers examples of Boosterthon school incentives (e.g. dunk tank, slime, extra recess). TBD on Benny's date but it may be during the school week and include food trucks and/or silent auction component.

### **New Business**

There will be two Board vacancies next year. The treasurer is ending her two-year term and the President will not be able to continue next year given demands of her family moving out of state. The Board encourages identifying a President early on so the individual can attend final meetings and be part of any major decisions that will impact next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.