

Minutes of the Second PTA Board Meeting on 9/16/13

Members Present: Mandy Lemar, Greer Bautz, Kakki Lewis, Cristin Caine, Lang Lin, Kurt Shanfield, Stacy Kahn, and RobBee Fredricks.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am at the home of Mandy Lemar.

Items Discussed:

1. Old Business:

PTA President Mandy Lemar opened the meeting by discussing the minutes of the summer Board Meeting. All items were appropriately reviewed and summarized.

2. Officer Reports

-Kurt Shanfield-Treasurer/ Membership:

Ms. Shanfield reported that \$24,468.00 has been donated to the PTA. There are 636 PTA members, which is 102 more than last year and a %19 increase from last year. 43 households donated \$181.00 or more. The average donation was \$94, although donations ranged from \$20 to \$300. 69% of households that joined the PTA also donated to the PTA. Net membership revenue (after payments are made to MCCPTA) will be about \$1,100 over budget, but PayPal fees are about \$400 to \$500 over budget because so much is now done on-line. It is estimated that Spirit Wear sales will lose about \$1,500, although approximately half of that is for the t-shirts that will be given to the teachers. Therefore, it is estimated that \$500 to \$1,000 will be lost on sales alone.

-RobBee Fredricks-Secretary:

Donation thank you notes will be distributed with the Student Directories.

-Cristin Caine-Fundraising Report/Spirit Wear:

Ms. Caine reported that fundraising was a great team effort this year. Feedback has been received that members of the Bells Mill community would still like to have Community Nights, possibly held at the school this spring.

The PTA will be purchasing spirit wear t-shirts for the teachers. It was suggested that announcements be made on Thursday afternoons and/or listed in the Bear Post for students to wear either blue and white clothes or spirit wear on Fridays.

-Kakki Lewis-Student Affairs/Enrichment Report:

Ms. Lewis reported that enrichment activities are going well; although a few more students are needed for some of the programs. Lacrosse has been postponed. Scholarships are available. Please contact Mrs. Kanter for more information.

-Greer Bautz-Communication Report:

Please e-mail GCBautz@yahoo.com with any information that needs to be included in the Bear Post by Wednesday of each week.

3.Event Report:

Teacher Breakfasts, Popsicle Social, Back to School Picnic, and School Kits went well. Money received from the School Kits was used to purchase supplies for the teachers.

4. Upcoming Events for Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec:

Events are as follows:

10/1: Room Parent Meeting at 6:30

10/1, 7pm: 1st PTA Meeting. The focus will be on school safety and security. Enrichment providers will be asked to come to this meeting to hear about security issues after school hours.

Celebrity Scoop Night is scheduled for this spring.

Recess Volunteers are needed, especially for the 1st grade and 4th grade time slots.

The Walking Club will begin in October.

The Safety Committee is both an initiative and priority for this year. This will also encompass Cyber Security issues.

The first Club Bells Mill will be held on 10/5/13. The second Club Bells Mill will be held on 12/14/13.

The Book Fair will kick off on Columbus Day (Open House Day). This is not a fundraiser. All funds go directly back to the classrooms in the form of games and other items from Scholastic.

The Walk for Homeless will take place on 10/17/13.

The Principal's K-1st Grade Tea is scheduled for 10/23.

The Winter Dance is tentatively scheduled for 1/10/13.

Family Bingo Night will be held on 11/15/13.

Ice Skating Night is tentatively scheduled for 12/7/13.

5. New Business/New Initiatives:

An Amazon gift card will be sent to Mrs. Ogelsby with best wishes for a speedy recovery from the Sunshine Committee.

The possibility of a PTA sponsored Coffee and Parent-Teacher Book Club Night was mentioned as a new initiative. This will occur when Mrs. Ogelsby is back from medical leave.

A Parent/Teacher Softball Game was suggested to highlight the spirit of community. It would need to be approved by Mrs. Ogelsby.

More information should be added to the PTA website to explain and clarify the role of the PTA.

Google Calendar was suggested as a way to merge the calendars of the teachers and PTA, in effort to achieve better communication between teachers and parents.

6. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 2014.

7. 9/30/13 is the deadline for the PTA Membership Drive.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

RobBee Fredricks, Secretary