

PTO Minutes for April 2012

The PTO officers for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

Tiffany Brandt-Thomas and Erin Hiles, Co-Presidents; Shannon Kreider and Tara Mc Corkle, Co-Vice Presidents; Eileen Wood, Secretary; and Melissa Reiman and Sue Smith, Co-Treasurers

Meeting Minutes for the April 11, 2012 meeting

I. Attendance: Lisa Bohanice, Tiffany Brandt-Thomas, Heather Geist, April Hollinger, Jason Kingsborough, Lori Kolaric, Kelly Laird, Rena Lehman, Jeanette Norton, Denise Rapp, Sue Smith, Dr. Annette Spagnolo, Margaret Williams, Eileen Wood, Tom Wood

II. Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas welcomed all to the meeting. Special welcome to the 3rd grade parents. She gave highlights of the PTO actions/events of the year to date which include passing the bylaws, Spirit Wear fundraiser, holiday drives by the Service Committee, cookie exchanges, surprise treats and luncheons for the staff provided by the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Committee, a very successful fall book fair, two assemblies, restaurant nights, bowling and skating nights. Upcoming events include the spring book fair, field days, and the Bear Creek Bash. We have already begun preparations for next year's Holiday Shoppe.

Co-Vice Presidents: No report.

Treasurers: Treasurers report was presented. Sue Smith mentioned that there should be approximately \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 in the PTO account at the end of the school year. **Secretary:** Minutes were presented for review. Tara McCorkle made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was passed.

III. Principal's Comments: Dr. Annette Spagnolo reported that below 50 students still need to have their immunizations completed by April 30, 2012. This is down from 174 students in March. The students cannot return to school on May 1, 2012 unless the immunizations have been done. A list of healthcare providers that offer low cost or free programs was sent out to the families in March. Students who have not turned in their immunization records will have a sticker placed in their agenda telling their families to contact the school nurse by April 24, 2012 or the student will lose recess time.

Dr. Spagnolo also provided details concerning the report card surveys that were sent out. There were 315 K-6 surveys returned. There were positive comments about the teacher remark sections of the report card. Many parents would like additional information in conjunction with the P, W1 and W2 assessments. The next step in the report card evaluation process will be teacher meetings. Then a parent committee will be formed seeking additional input. Future report cards will likely have a mixture of standards measurement (i.e. Proficient, W1) and percentage measurements.

The school board has approved some playground equipment purchases. There is a proposed workout equipment section that would be in the grassy area above the bus parking lot. There would also be some traditional playground equipment. In an area behind the school, there will be nature looking equipment including 8-10 rock walls. Lori Kolaric mentioned the issues that Mill Road has had with the rock walls that they had purchased. Dr. Spagnolo will relay those concerns to the Board.

The next District PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 9:15 AM at Mill Road.

Dr. Spagnolo and Mr. Kingsborough have been meeting with 6th grade students to discuss the communication problem. Dr. Spagnolo has sent FYI updates on the internet that the teachers can access so that flyers can be handed out in a timely manner. There are also flyer page updates on the school website page. The teachers are also verbalizing the purpose of the flyers when they are handing them out.

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There will be a Parent Night for parents of current 3rd grade students in May 2012. There will be school visits by the 3rd grade students also. Mill Road and Bainbridge will be scheduled for the same day with Rheems and East High students coming on separate days. The school guidance counselors will follow up with the 3rd grade students in June to see if there any additional concerns or questions. Students will also get to practice using combination locks.

There will be summer orientation sessions in August. There will be three Back to School Nights as well. These nights may be held before the school year begins.

Mr. Kingsborough reported that every student will receive a list of rules and expectations for Bear Creek. He also mentioned that the "Girls on the Run" program that helps young girls deal with their peer and promotes positive self-esteem will soon be wrapping up their program with a 5K run in May.

IV. Teacher's Comments: Miss Geist stated that there is a lot of excitement for the upcoming Bear Creek Bash. Dr. Spagnolo mentioned that there are rules in place for the event such as no texting during the bash and no using equipment such as iPods during the event. It was mentioned again that this is a Bear Creek student activity. No siblings may come along.

Miss Shenk presented information concerning the upcoming Field Days. The 4th and 5th grade students will have the traditional track and field program while the 6th grade students program will vary. The 6th grade students will have a choice of several activities such as a half-day of bowling, a half-day team activity (10-12 students per team), or a half-day of activities such as flag football and frisbee golf. There is a cost for the bowling of \$5.00 per student. A motion was made by Eileen Wood to allocate at least \$800.00 for the bowling activity. The motion was passed.

V. Committee Reports:

Fund Raising

Spirit Wear: No report.

Giant A-Plus: No report.

Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, and Moo Money: No report.

Book Fair: The spring book fair will be held from May 18th-May 25th. The PTO will pay up to \$7.00 towards the purchase of a book for each student. For books and accessories purchased by the students, the Book Fair will be a BOGO - Buy One Get One Free program. The books purchased for the students by the PTO are not included in the Buy One, Get One Free program. Liesa Perry is in need of decorations and supplies for the Book Fair. The theme for the Book Fair is a luau.

School Store: No report.

Restaurant: Kathy Vogelsong reported that we received \$400.00 from our Little Italy night held in March.

Other: Possible fall fundraisers that were discussed include a Spirit Wear Sale, a magazine drive which would be done in conjunction with the Middle School, and zumba nights (to be held at a location other than Bear Creek since the school gymnasium will be used heavily next fall and winter).

Assembly Committee: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas reported that the students enjoyed the assembly presented by Jonathan Burns. The assembly was held last week. The committee is also looking to have an assembly in May that will feature junkyard drumming. The program will be done by Heads Up which is a Lancaster based group that presents musical programs based on a theme of our choice. The theme for the Bear Creek assembly will be "Beating to Your Own Drum".

The District PTO is sponsoring a district wide assembly on May 1, 2012. The assembly will be held at the High School and will feature a program presented by juggler, Chris Ivey.

Parents in Education (P.I.E.): Eileen Wood reported that the committee has done several large projects in the past month.

Team Parents: No report.

Community Service: No Easter project was done this year. The committee is working on a summer project and projects to put into place in the fall of the next school year.

Yearbook: 550 yearbooks were purchased. There are 25 extra yearbooks available for purchase. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Teacher Appreciation: A luncheon will be held on May 11th. Additional treats will be given during Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

Family Activity: Margaret Williams has been busy organizing the 1st Bear Creek Bash which will be held from 6:30-8:30 PM on Friday, April 27th. The committee will be meeting on Friday, April 13th and again on Monday, April 16th to finalize plans for the Bash. The Bash will have activities in various parts of the school. There will be board games and BINGO in the IMC, dancing and refreshments will be in the cafeteria, and a Wii tournament will be held in the gymnasium. There may be a photo booth available. Ink pads will be used to stamp stickers at each station. It is anticipated that there will be three pickup/drop off areas. The students will need to check in on their arrival. No non-Bear Creek siblings may attend.

Nominating Committee: There are a few prospects for the office of President for the next PTO. Thank you to Lisa Kolaric , a 3rd grade parent from Mill Road, who has agreed to be Vice President next year. Lisa Williams, also from Mill Road, will be the next Secretary. Melissa Reiman has agreed to remain as Treasurer.

VI. Continuing Business: None.

VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Adjournment: Tara McCorkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was passed.

Next PTO Meeting is May 3, 2012 6:30 p.m. at Bear Creek School Information Technology Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen D. Wood, secretary