

BEAR CREEK SCHOOL
PTO Minutes for November 2011

The PTO Officers for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas and Erin Hiles, co-presidents; Shannon Kreider and Tara McCorkle, co-vice presidents; Eileen Wood, secretary; and Melissa Reiman and Sue Smith, Co-Treasurers.

Meeting Minutes for the November 3, 2011 meeting.

I. Attendance: Dr. Annette Spagnolo, Jason Kingsborough, Tiffany Brandt-Thomas, Erin Hiles, Tara McCorkle, Melissa Reiman, Sue Smith, Eileen Wood, Sally Lewis, Kathy Vogelsong, Stephanie Keeports, Lacy Bryan, Patty Levosky, Al Miller, Denise Rapp, Krista Beach, Nicole Snyder, Jackie Dehmey, Tracey Bachert, Lisa Shank, Tiffany Wells, Denise Steffie, Kelly Laird, and Victoria Abdelnaby

II. Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas welcomed everyone to November meeting. She stated that some events have taken place. We have had a very successful Fall Book Fair. Delivery of Spirit Wear apparel will be Friday, November 4th. The Staff Appreciation Committee has had a Welcome Back treat and are gearing up for a meal for the Parent-Teacher Conferences. The PIE committee has ordered supplies and is planning on holding training sessions next week.

Co-Vice Presidents: None

Treasurers: None

Secretary: None

III. Principal's Comments: The hydrogen sulfide smell continues to occur in parts of the building from time to time. Construction team continues to test air quality daily. The readings have been 0/1,000,000 even though the odor is still there. Our sensitivity to smell is measured in parts per billion (1/1,000,000,000). The smell is more noticeable outdoors, The source of the smell is from outside of the school. The ventilation system in the school has had upgrades to improve air quality.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 21st and again on Tuesday, November 22nd. Parents will meet with the teacher that they received the Conference letter from. Progress reports will be given for all subjects, If a parent has questions about another class, they can email the teacher or call the teacher will any concerns.

The Community Open House was rescheduled due to the snow storm and power outage. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 PM.

A flyer will be sent home concerning the 11/8/11 Hoss' Night.

There will be a school board meeting on Tuesday, November 8th.

Mr. Kingsborough gave details of the Spirit day week that was recently held. Each day students were encouraged to wear different clothing each day. The students signed a banner

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which is hanging in the lobby. Each student received a Bear Creek Bully bracelet. The week was concluded with an assembly where Kara Bachert was recognized for her efforts to raise money.

IV. Teacher's Comments: Mrs. Lewis mentioned that the teachers are eagerly awaiting the debut of the Parents in Education (PIE) committee. She had questions concerning team reimbursements from the PTO. Teachers are to attach receipts to the request form and place in the PTO mailbox. The treasurers will issue check promptly. A reminder about the reimbursement process will be sent out to the teachers.

V. Committee Reports:

Fund Raising:

Spirit Wear: Tracey Bachert reported that there the sales numbers are currently \$12,000-\$13,000. Our approximate profit will be \$3,000. Actual profit will be presented at next meeting. Delivery of apparel is scheduled for November 4th. The most popular items sold were the pajama pants, tie dye shirts and short sleeved E-town shirt.

Box Tops, Campbell Labels, and Moo Money: Jackie Dehme reported that we have received 2,500 box tops so far. We should receive a check for approximately \$250.00.

Giant A-Plus: Victoria Abdelnaby reported that we received 724 card designations to date. As of the end of October, we have a total of \$1,400. Team 5C (Mr. Perry, Mrs. Alleman, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Price) collected the most card designations and are the winners of the soft pretzel party.

Other Fund-raising: Kathy Vogelsong reported that we are looking for the Little Italy night to be held in December when the construction of the new restaurant site is completed.

Book Fair: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas gave a report of the Fall Book Fair. Total sales were \$13,384.93. Bear Creek received a Scholastic Credit of \$6,692.00 which translates into \$6.00 per student for the Spring Book Fair. There is a \$1,500 credit remaining. Al Miller made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the IMC. Miss Shenk seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Assembly: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas is in desperate need of help on this committee. She is looking to setup an assembly soon.

Family Activities: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas stated that Miss Shenk is contacting Doc's for roller skating nights, These will be run in groups due to the school size. She mentioned that are other possible events such as a carnival or a dance.

Parents in Education (PIE): Eileen Wood reported that the committee will schedule training next week to learn how to use the photocopier, laminator, and other equipment. Gail Fox has already ordered the supplies needed by the committee.

Yearbook: Sherri Block is the chairperson for this committee. The committee has already met to brainstorm for ideas. Sherri will summarize their ideas and present them at a future meeting.

Team Parent: Tara McCorkle sent out the list of room parents to the teachers. She is needing an update from the teachers at this time. Teachers should contact the Team/Room Parent.

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Teacher/Staff Appreciation: There will be a conference dinner on November 21st. Items needed to be donated are soups, salads, sandwiches, and paper products, Please contact Jody Reed if you are able to donate an item.

Community Service: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas gave a report that the committee is looking to do a Gift-Giving Tree for the holiday. This committee is being co-chaired by Jen Hefflinger and Kelly Wieand.

VI. Committee Meetings/ Planning The committees met to plan future events.

VII. New Business: No new business. The meeting was adjourned.

VIII. Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Information Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen D. Wood, Bear Creek PTO Secretary