

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 December 1, 2011 meeting

I. Attendance: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas, Tara McCorkle, Melissa Reiman, Eileen Wood, Annette Spagnolo, Jason Kingsborough, Patty Levosky, Chris Bosch, John Mooney, Kelly Laird, Matt Fritz, Shiraz Haas, Barb Shenk

II. Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Co-Vice Presidents: No report.

Treasurers: No report.

Secretary: No report.

III. Principal's Comments: Dr. Spagnolo reported that teacher conferences went well. Parent participation was high. There were phone conferences for those who were unable to attend. Next year the conferences will be done at the same time of year. But the Conferences will be scheduled at Parent's Night in September. The teacher luncheon was wonderful. It gave the teachers an opportunity time to socialize.

Assistant Principal Jason Kingsborough gave details of Student Assistance Program (SAP) which is a program that offers counseling to students in need. He is also gave highlights of the assembly held December 1st called "Dare to Move". The PTO sponsored assembly showed the students about overcoming barriers and being yourself.

IV. Teacher's Comments: Mr. Bosch thanked everyone for the delicious luncheon. He asked how to login to PTO Manager to find parent volunteers. Tara McCorkle will make sure that all teachers have permission to access the program. He also thanked the PTO for the Book Fair and for the pizza party that his class will receive. He also stated that teachers enjoyed the Thanksgiving lunch with Grandparents of students.

V. Committee Reports:

Assembly Committee: The Dare to Move assembly was held December 1st and was well received. The committee is looking to run another assembly right after the PSSA testing in the spring.

Fund Raising

Spirit Wear: There are some returns and monies to be collected yet. The estimated profit is \$3,500.00. Erica Kreiser has a few extra shirts left. A list will go out listing the sizes available.

Box Tops, Campbell Labels, and Moo Money: Box Tops can be placed in the bin in the IMC.

There is not a box top for a yearbook program like held at East High.

Giant A-Plus: No report.

Book Fair: No report.

Other Fund-raising: The school will receive \$200.00 from the P & J Pizza nights that were recently held. The restaurant has offered to run another Bear Creek night if we are interested. In addition, Little Italy in Bainbridge, My Place and Brothers Pizza have expressed interest in the school having fundraisers at their restaurants.

School Store: No report.

Family Activities: The committee is working on scheduling roller skating nights to be held after Christmas. They are also working on bowling nights to be held January 14th & January 15th. The school will be divided into groups either by age or by teams. The cost is \$2.00 per student and \$5.00 per parent/sibling. Kelly Laird made a motion for the PTO to pay the \$2.00 per student portion. Melissa Reiman seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

PIE.: The committee is up and running. Training was held before the holiday break. Teacher packets which included a letter about the committee and Job Request Forms were placed in teacher mail bins on Tuesday. Volunteers have been in to do projects.

Year Book: There will be more information about this committee after the holiday. Anyone who has

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pictures of school activities can give them to Sherri Block who chairs this committee. Check with your child's class before taking group photos to see if there is any child on the do not photograph list. A suggestion was made for a future year to do a DVD as a Year Book. It can include photographs, music, and student/teacher voiceovers.

Community Service: The committee has been very busy. There is a Giving Tree for Bear Creek students. You can buy a gift for a child by getting a tag with a number on it. It will give gift ideas for the child. No names appear on the tags. Wrapped gifts need to be delivered by December 13th between 3:00-6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Hefflinger or Kelly Wieand.

They are also running a food drive where each class is assigned a food drink, paper product item. The food collected is for families within our school. The class that brings in the most items will receive an ice cream party. Matt Fritz made a motion for the PTO to donate \$500-\$600 towards the purchase of turkeys for these families. Kelly Laird seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Team Parents: If there are any questions about this committee, please contact Tara McCorkle. Teachers are to contact the parent for their team.

VI. Continuing Business: None.

VII. New Business: A PTO member expressed concerns with the recess areas for the children. The concern was that recess is held in an open area where there is little area to run and play. The concern is that children need to be able to relax in a safe environment. Dr. Spagnolo shared that the school does offer more Physical Education classes than are required and that additional equipment such as hula hoops, balls, and jump ropes were bought to help improve recess.

Dr. Spagnolo will get additional information from the District about the playground areas around the school and grass areas. There were questions as to if there is any area large enough for playground equipment or even kickball fields.

Another parent asked if we would have Field Days in the spring. There will be field days and they will be held at either the fairgrounds or at the school track.

VIII. Next PTO Meeting: January 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Information Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen D. Wood, Bear Creek PTO Secretary