

Bear Creek School
PTO Minutes for February 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 McCorkle, Co-Vice Presidents; Eileen Wood, Secretary; and Melissa Reiman and Sue Smith, Co-Treasurers

Meeting Minutes for the February 2, 2012 meeting

I. Attendance: Becky Bair, Tiffany Brandt-Thomas, Jason Kingsborough, Shannon Kreider, Kelly Laird, Tara McCorkle, Albert Perry, Liesa Perry, Kathy Vogel, N Weikel, Margaret Williams, Eileen Wood, Tom Wood

II. Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: No report.

Co-Vice Presidents: No report.

Treasurers: No report.

Secretary: Minutes submitted for review.

III. Principal's Comments: Assistant Principal Jason Kingsborough reported that there will be an early dismissal on February 17th. School will not be in session on February 20th. There is also a scheduled day off on Friday, March 9th. PSSA testing will be done from March 12th through March 23rd.

Mr. Kingsborough also explained the new arrival and departure procedure, which will begin on February 13th. There will be a traffic crossing guard who will send cars down the cul-de-sac. This should help to alleviate traffic congestion.

IV. Teacher's Comments: N Weikel thanked the PTO for the cookie exchange. Becky Bair also thanked the PTO for providing a means for the children to help others through the community service projects.

Becky Bair gave a reminder that there are spots open on the "Girls on the Run" (4th & 5th grade) and "Girls on Track" (6th grade) teams. If there are enough girls interested, a 2nd team can be formed.

V. Committee Reports:

Fund Raising

Spirit Wear: Some remaining items will be used for the prizes at the Doc's roller skating nights.

Giant A-Plus: Rolling along nicely.

Restaurant Nights: Kathy Vogelsong reported there will be a Bear Creek night at Little Italy in Bainbridge on Monday, March 5th. The restaurant will be open on a day when the restaurant is normally closed. It is being opened only for Bear Creek customers. The school will receive 20% of the sales. She has a "Save the Date" ready for Dr. Spagnolo's approval. Coupons will be sent out at a later date. Coupons or photocopies of coupons must be presented at the time of the sale. Coupons will be included on the school website. We are looking to have a Thursday night outing at Hoss's Restaurant' in late April.

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

Book Fair: Liesa Perry reported that the Bear Creek Spring Book Fair will be held the week of May 18th-25th. The theme will be a Luau. The PTO will be paying up to \$7.00 per student towards the purchase of a book. In addition to the Book Fair there will be a Book Drive run prior to the Book Fair. Students can donate a new or gently used book to the school library. Anyone who donates a book would be entered to win a prize during the Book Fair.

Because of our success at the Fall Book Fair, Bear Creek is considered to be a "Gold Star" school and will receive a huge selection of books to choose from for the Spring Book Fair.

Other Fund Raising:

School Store: No report.

Assembly Committee: Tiffany Brandt-Thomas is looking to schedule an assembly in early May. The program is called "Heads Up" and would provide an inspirational message. Heads Up uses dance and rhythm with non-traditional percussion instruments. We can choose the theme for the program.

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Becky Bair made a motion for the PTO to pay for up to 3 sessions at approximately \$500.00-\$600.00 per session. Kathy Fogle seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Tiffany will confirm the dates.

Parents in Education (P.I.E.): It is moving along. They are looking for more projects.

Team Parents: No report.

Community Service: No report.

Family Activities: There was a light turnout for the bowling nights.

There will be 3 rollers skating nights at Doc's:

March 6 th	6 th grade	6:30-8:00 PM
March 7 th	5 th grade	6:30-8:00 PM
March 8 th	4 th grade	6:30-8:00 PM

There will be a \$2.00 skate rental fee for anyone who does not bring their own skates. There will be prizes for games that Miss Shenk is developing. Prizes will include Bear Creek Spirit Wear, ice cream tickets for lunch, candy bags as well as other items.

Becky Bair made a motion for the PTO to pay \$120.00-\$150.00 per night for the skating parties. Liesa Perry seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Holiday Shop: Lori Bitner will chair this for 2012-2013 school year. Funding was approved at January meeting. A check has been cut so that she can begin purchasing items for the shop.

Nominating: Liesa Perry and Kathy Fogle will develop a flyer that can be sent to 3rd grade parents from the K-3 elementary schools to attend the March meeting. Once there they can learn about the PTO functions. If interested, they can run for an office next year.

Yearbook: Sheri Block is in charge of this committee. A deposit was made last month. The deposit will come back to the school at the end of the Yearbook project.

Teacher Appreciation: They are looking to do something for the teachers and staff in mid March. Also, Kelly Laird and Kristin DeStefano will be in charge of Teacher Appreciation Week events. There will be a little something every day for the teachers and a meal at the end of the week.

VI. Continuing Business: Miss Shenk will be surveying 6th graders to determine the activities that they will do during Field Days. The 4th and 5th grade students will participate in track events. The dates for Field Days will be:

May 14-18, 2012

May 21-25, 2012

Rain dates

VII. New Business: Mrs. MaLisa Jordan and several girls from Club Ophelia presented anti-Bullying skits. The skits showed different kinds of bullying and presented different ways to deal with bullying behavior. Afterwards there was discussion as what does and does not constitute bullying. In order to be a bullying behavior there must be repeated behavior, which can be verbal, non-verbal, physical or even exclusion. There also must be an imbalance of power between the people involved in the incident. 90% of all bullying is not seen by an adult. The students are being encouraged to report any suspected bully behaviors to an adult.

Mrs. Kotzmoyer, school Nurse, has asked for donations of clothing items that students can wear home when they have gotten their clothing wet or damaged. She is need of sweatpants, shirt and long sleeve shirts and athletic shorts. Sizes needed are 8-16. Please send your donations in with your child and mark them for the Nurse.

Liesa Perry brought up a potential project that can be done called "School Backpack". Non-perishable foods and items can be donated to needy Bear Creek students who would receive a backpack on Fridays. The food items donated would help the children and their families have adequate meals on the weekends.

VIII. Adjournment: The minutes were approved with the correction "Kelly Wieand" in the notes concerning the Community Service projects. The meeting was adjourned.

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Next PTO Meeting is Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. at Bear Creek School Information Technology Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen D. Wood, secretary