

## Bear Creek PTO Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2014

- A. **Attendance:** Hether Schlosser, Dr. Annette Spagnolo, Tara Oltmans, Margaret Williams, and Don Williams.
- B. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Tara Oltmans made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2014 meeting; Don Williams seconded the motion.
- D. **Treasurer's Report:**
- There are two families who still owe money for Mona's Pretzels.
  - The Moo Money payment of \$150 from 2013 was received.
  - Expenses occurred for Specialty Teacher Allotments, Team Funds, Bash, Holiday Shoppe 2014, and Wellness Funds.
  - Don Williams made a motion to approve the budget; Annette Spagnolo seconded the motion.
- E. **Principal's Report:**
- Spring conferences were not as well attended because they are not mandatory for parents.
  - Thursday, April 17 and Monday, April 21 are regular school days because of snow make-up calendar changes.
  - Fourth grade Agricultural Day was moved from April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is now scheduled for the same day as the Bear Creek Bash.
  - PSSAs were administered to the students as scheduled. The third day of testing is always the most difficult because the kids are exhausted.
  - PSSA "auditor" at Bear Creek to audit the testing. Bear Creek Administration was commended for the PSSA process.
  - Additional PSSAs scheduled as follows:
    - Reading/Math - April 1, 2 and 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> week, all students)
    - Writing (Grade 5 only) - April 9 and 10
    - Science (Grade 4 only) - April 29 and 30
  - State regulation requires physicals for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are approximately 60 students who have yet to submit their physical forms. Parents must send in the physical form OR call the school nurse to inform her when an appointment is scheduled. School physicals can also be performed at the school. **Students will not be allowed to participate in the Bear Creek Bash if a call to the nurse has not been made or if their physical forms are not submitted prior to the Bash.**
  - The staff thought the Nacho Bar during conferences was fabulous!
- G. **Standing Committees:**
1. **Assemblies – Celia Dominoes and Annette Spagnolo**
    - The school will host The Franklin Institute on April 17<sup>th</sup> for an Energy assembly.
    - Cindy Telenko has arranged for a graffiti artist to paint the outdoor kickball wall. The artist will pick 2-3 designs submitted by sixth graders to paint. This program will be primarily for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - Dr. Spagnolo is also considering another small assembly to schedule; possibly a BMX assembly.
  2. **Bear Creek Bash – Don and Margaret Williams**
    - Currently have 424 students registered and 60 volunteers.
    - Austin Telenko will not DJ due to a schedule conflict. Glenn Lentz will handle the DJ duties for the evening.

- There will be a sundae bar, water stations, photo booth, Minute It to Win It, and BINGO for the students.
  - No WALKERS to the Bash this year because it is too difficult to control the traffic.
  - Online registration only. Deadline for registration is April 13<sup>th</sup>. No late registrations will be accepted.
3. **Book Fair – Georgann Azzalina and Nicole Snyder**
    - Spring Book Fair will be May 2- May 9. This is a BOGO event.
    - Kids will be able to shop during the day. Family Night date TBD.
    - Every student will receive an additional free book. Money earned during the fall book fair will be used to pay for the free book.
    - Requests for volunteers will be sent out via PTO Manager.
  4. **Box Tops for Education – Margaret Williams**
    - Margaret made a request for an additional \$700 for Box Top prizes. There will be final giveaway prizes at the end of the year. Any student who submitted a box top throughout the school year is eligible.
    - A motion was made by Annette Spagnolo to vote on the request; Tara Oltmans seconded the motion.
    - All approved with two abstentions (Margaret and Don Williams).
  5. **Campbell Soup Labels – Cindy Wivell and Mary Snyder**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  6. **Community Service – The Giving Tree Program**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  7. **Family Activities – Need chairperson**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  8. **Fundraising – Lori Kolaric/Rena Lehman/Hether Schlosser**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  9. **Giant A+ Rewards – Rick Hart**
    - Our current total is \$5,464.23.
    - Rick worked with a Giant representative to determine why our total for December was incorrect. After an investigation, Giant did determine that our account did show a discrepancy for December. Giant has agreed to give Bear Creek an additional \$750 to be credited to our account.
    - Rick is looking into Darrenkamp's Community Rewards Program.
  10. **Holiday Shoppe – Hether Schlosser**
    - Shopping has begun for the 2014 Holiday Shoppe.
  11. **P.I.E. (Parents in Education) – Need Chairperson**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  12. **PTO Manager – Don Williams**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  13. **Room Parents – June Shepherd**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  14. **Spirit Wear – Erica Kreiser and Tara McCorkle**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  15. **Staff Appreciation – Amy Burkhart**
    - Currently planning Teacher Appreciation week in May.
    - Might organize a small event for April.
  16. **Website – Barb Shenk**
    - Nothing to report at this time.
  17. **Yearbook – Cathy Donahue**
    - There are still a few outstanding check issues that are being resolved.

- Cathy would like to push for online ordering next year. This process should help with the check issues we have had this year.
- The yearbook pages were submitted on March 17.
- Online ordering is closed.

#### H. **Continuing Business**

##### 1. **Sixth Grade End-of-the-Year Activity**

- Hether Schlosser and Annette Spagnolo met and determined that the celebration will not be held at Spooky Nook. This decision was made primarily because of safety concerns.
- Hether and Annette will meet with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on Monday, March 31.

#### I. **New Business**

##### 1. **Nomination Committee**

- A committee will be formed (per the By-Laws) to begin the nomination process for the 2014-2015 PTO Executive Board.

##### 2. **Field Day**

- May 19 - Grade 5; May 20 - Grade 6 and May 21 - Grade 4.
- Forms will go home April 21 for volunteers.
- Will include individual races, relay races, jump rope, blongo toss, obstacle courses, soccer kick, basketball, etc.

##### 3. **Rollerskating**

- April 16 - Grades 4 & 5 and April 23 - Grade 6.
- 6-8 pm (both nights).
- The PTO will pay for the rink rental and skate rental (for Bear Creek students only).

##### 4. **Wellness Fund**

- The PTO purchased carrying bags (girls only) and deodorants (boys and girls) for the Human Growth and Development series for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. These items used to be provided to the school by Procter and Gamble.

J. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Tara Oltmans to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Annette Spagnolo. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hether Schlosser