

Birchwood PTO Meeting
Wednesday October 5, 2016
9AM
Birchwood Cafeteria

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Members Present: Anne Burger (Recording secretary and parent); Jan Brown (copresident and parent); Erin Cassady-Dorion (co-president and parent); Deb Berndt (principal); Kate Kirkpatrick (media specialist); Jill Appert (VP Fundraising and Parent); Pennie Cuevas (parent, webmaster); Mike Cooper (Nature Park and parent); Jennifer Eckman (parent); Asma Azeem (parent).

I. Call to Order:

By Erin Cassady-Dorion at 9AM

Approval of September minutes: Erin made recommendation, Mike Seconded.

II. President's Report: (Jan Brown):

Met about the directory. There is no contact information for both parents if parents aren't together. Need to look into this. The Fresh schools data is different than Power Schools data.

Need bulletin information by noon today to Pennie.

III. Officer Reports:

a. VP Programs & Services (Suzanne Brooksby):

- Successful bbq.
- Bike Ride for missing children went well. Sandwiches were ready for the riders.
- ASEP has started.
- Yearbook has picked a cover
- In October: Arts in Ed: Basketball Family
- 10/13 is picture day
- Nature Park made bug houses.
- Staff appreciation breakfast is 10/24.
- Monster Mash, parade and parties are coming up!
- Libbie Cococcia has volunteered to do the PTO bulletin board.
- We need Board of Ed liaison's to volunteer. Perhaps each take a meeting?
- There were some negative comments about the BBQ. WE must all realize that we are all volunteers here doing our best.

B. VP Fundraising (Jill Appert):

- Doing a local book fundraiser. We have the books and will send out soon.
- Millie & Jill are doing gift cards for Christmas.

- Chipolte fundraiser on 10/24 which is a half day.
- looking into a Five below night
- Mapleridge Ski fundraiser-tubing event. Looking into it.
- Spirit wear order form will be send out nexxt week. Perhaps also do at Back to school night.
- Look into doing a school store.
- Mums raised \$820! 298 were ordered. Last year 216 were ordered.

C. Treasurer (Maureen Younkin):

- Have August treasurer report. Need September.
- Motion to approve reports. Jan made motion, Suzanne seconded motion.

IV. Teacher's Liaison report: (Kate Kirkpatrick)

- Library has been restructured over the summer.
- Kathleen Vermilyea: Kindergarten doing science with pumpkins. First: 4 seasons and story walk. Second: Interactive science and light bulb light up.
- Amy Santandrea: How to submit and receive mini grant money. There was a problem with on line ordering. Visiting author is next month. Summer reading assembly is coming up. 1000 Book Kids is starting again. Look into starting a free library. Perhaps an Eagle scout can work on this.

V. Principal's Report (Deb Berndt):

- Superintendent is looking into "No place for hate" designation for the schools. There needs to be 3 events every year that are interactive with the kids. Mrs. Shepard can do one spot. Ask SDMC to plan other 2 events.
- Protected category . Dignity for all, including all weight, ethnicity, race,etc.
- Communication: have a 1 page committment at Back to school night for parents to see.
- PLC: Wednesday afternoon is when the school is doing the planning for it with a variety of people. At 145 teachers will leave the room and it's a 6 week cycle. There are WIN blocks on Tues, Thurs and Friday. The first WIN blocks are grade 1-4 Mid-late october.

VI: New Business:

- a. Monster Mash: there will be a nature walk during monster mash. We need reader volunteers. Parents need to accompany the kids. There will be 2 showings . K-2 and 3-5.
- b. Soctober is coming up. Collecting socks

VII: Concluding Comment:

Adjournment: Erin Motioned to adjourn. Suzanne seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM. Submitted by Anne Burger. Next meeting Wednesday 10/9/16 at 9AM.