

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

9:00am

Birchwood Conference Room

Call to Order

Approval of January Minutes

Co-President's Report (JoMarie Ethier, Jan Brown)

Officer Reports

VP Programs and Services (Suzanne Brooksby)

VP Fundraising (Jill Appert)

Treasurer (Brenda Leto)

Secretary (Anne Burger)

Principal's Report (Deb Berndt)

Teachers' Liaison Report (Amy Santandrea, Kathleen Vermilyea)

Board of Education Report (Kevin Laurilliard)

PTO to Board of Ed Liaison's Report (Anne Burger)

New Business

-Spring Fundraiser

-Nominating Committee Appointees

-Master Calendar

-Yearbook

-Glass Case in Foyer

Old Business

-E-registration for programs

-Communication options

Concluding Comments

Adjournment

Committee Reports:

Arts in Ed: There will be a performance of Opera Saratoga on Feb 25 at 8:30. Flame the Band is coming to Birchwood in May. The teachers are scheduling classroom workshops with Scotia-Glenville Childrens' Museum. (Cheryl Gerstler and Jennifer Sargent)

ASEP: Most ASEP classes start this week! We had one hiccup moving to online registration as a paper form started to circulate that we hadn't created. We also had several parents inquire on about online payment and the ability to go back in and review/edit their registration info. I am looking into services that may enable us to do that in the future. A service would help reduce duplication and entry errors.

For now, Joni is concentrating on collecting volunteers for ASEP pick up and I am creating lists for constituents. We are always looking for volunteers as back up to help with pick up! (Erin Cassidy-Dorton)

FOM: Birchwood had their first concert of the 2015-2016 season—the children were very excited, and hopefully the 4th graders enjoyed their first concert experience.

The chorus will be singing the National Anthem this coming Friday (February 5th) at the RPI hockey game at the Houston Field House. Thank you to Holly Johnston for arranging this incredible opportunity for the children!

Garden/Nature Park: We're planning for spring vegetable garden, would like PTO approval to expand by adding an asparagus bed. Would also like to add nectar plants to butterfly garden in coordination with 3rd grade curriculum. Have requested an update from Tim Cook re: outdoor classroom, but nothing back yet. (Mike Cooper)

Junior Achievement and Visiting Author: Nothing new to report (Laura Mirkovic)

Pre-K program: Things are moving smoothly. (Soyoung Mok)

Yearbook: 51 ordered so far, need to get order form into bulletin (Willie Gnatek)