

Birchwood Elementary PTO

Meeting Agenda

February 8

9am

Conference Room, Birchwood Elementary

Invitees: All Parents and Birchwood Community Members Welcome

- I. Call to order
- II. President's Report (Jan Brown and Erin Cassady-Dorion)
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. VP Programs & Services (Suzanne Brooksby)
 - B. VP Fundraisers (Jill Appert)
 - C. Treasurer (Maureen Younkin) - Sent via email
 - D. Secretary (Anne Burger)
- IV. Principal's Report (Deb Berndt)
- V. Teacher's Liaison Report (Amy Santandrea & Kathleen Vermilyea)
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Bulletin Changes?
- VIII. New business
 - A. Formation of Nominating Committee
 - B. Niska-Day Float, Spirit Wear, etc.
 - C. N-CAP Mini-grant - \$200
 - D. Approval of New Treasurer Forms - Review Online:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2nzyM4SmzD3b0Z6SVNWeXJxbms?usp=sharing>
 - E. PTO Mission Statement
- IX. Approval of minutes from last meeting
- X. Adjournment

Program & Committee Updates

Please add any relevant notes about your program/committee, along with your name:

ASEP -off to a good start. Enrollment was good, new classes offered. New sign out procedure in place now. Classes go through March - Suzanne Brooksby

Yearbook - 82 orders so far; it's been a week since I have checked the front office; yearbook ads - flyer/order form went home about 2 weeks ago; only have 3 so far.
- Millie Gnatek

Staff Luncheon- Mon March 6th at 11:15 ? Invites are ready to go out, luncheon donations are being made -Millie Gnatek

Fun Fair- Fri. Mar. 10th- 80's Themed activity- do "Minute-to-win-it" type games in the gym, charge a flat fee \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Possible donation idea for new front sign. Sell tickets for food- have pizza, water and sweet treats. Do a 50/50, music in the gym by DJ Evan. Still looking for entertainment. Ann burger to help coordinate Staff Raffle.- Suzanne Brooksby

NiskaDay Float meeting- Only 1 person came. 2 others reached out via email to say they were interested in helping. NiskaDay is 5/20 - Suzanne Brooksby
Need to vote on final idea-

- 1- Truck decorated like Buddy with "Super Buddy" in the truck bed
 - 2- Super Bus with Super Buddy on top- Kids in "windows"?
 - 3- Outline of Birchwood done in Comic book style with Super Buddy in a spot light
- In all 3 choices- Have kids wear "buddy" masks and Super Buddy logo shirts

Nature Park/Club- We are hoping to run the maple sugaring program again in early March. Kind of weather dependent. Garden work should start back up in April-May. We are looking for PTO and Deb Berndt advice on running a letter writing campaign for the older kids in honor of earth day this year-to write local government officials about why nature/our nature park/clean water/clean air are important and their hopes that it will be protected. Not sure if this might be discouraged due to the political climate right now but thought it would offer the kids a chance to be activists and to see how democracy works. -Katie Cowley-Cooper