

Birchwood PTO Meeting
Wednesday January 11, 2017
6:30PM
Birchwood Conference Room.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Members Present: Anne Burger (Secretary and parent); Deb Berndt (principal), Jan Brown (co president and parent), Erin Cassady-Dorion (co president and parent), Amy Santandrea (teacher and liaison), Jennifer Eckman (Parent), Jill Appert (Fundraising and parent), Maureen Younkin (Treasurer and parent), Kathleen Vermilyea (Teacher and liaison), Ellen Daviero (Parent, nutrition committee), Laura Salinetti (parent)

I. Call to Order:

By Erin at 6:35PM.

Approval of November minutes: Katie made recommendation, Erin Seconded.

II. President's Report: (Jan Brown)

- SDM was today. Bingo night is February 1. We need items for bingo night.
- Learning fair is 3/2
- ASEP using Fresh schools is doing well.
- Preschool story hour started today.
- Fun Fair is 3/10 . Theme is Winter Blues..

III. Officer Reports:

A. VP Fundraising (Jill Appert):

- Prepaid popcorn is going well.
- Panera fundraiser didn't go well.
- We will try Chipolte again.
- Spring fundraiser, will try Mixed bags again.
- Flowers in May. Need to check with Rosendale to see about coordinating with their supplier.
- Niska Day-Spring apparel and spirit wear. Theme for Niska day is Superheroes.

B. Treasurer Report (Maureen Younkin):

- Financials were reviewed.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report. Anne made the motion. Jill Seconded.

IV. Principal's Report:

- We have been designated as a "No place for hate" school. Reviewed the promise. There will be 3 activities that will focus on diversity. Friday will be Diversity Sing Along "Whoever you are". In April will be "Mix it up lunch" and Mrs. Shephard will do something with antibullying.
- PLC-1st thru 4th grade just finished their first WIN block

V. Teacher's Liaison Report :

- 5th grade-Latin America Unit. Getting Moes . Pinatas will be made and BEgin State Fair projects.
- 4th grade-Entrepreneur Project will be 6/7 from 6-8PM. Both 4th grade teachers are doing ASEP programs. Coding and Running.
- 3rd grade-Working on Energy and consuming energy.
- 2nd grade-Gingerbread unit went well.
- 1st grade-Shared holiday traditions. Child could share it. Letter writing--wrote tooth fairy a letter.
- Kindergarten-Around the world holidays suitcase.
- Library will be using new system and converting it over February break. No more OPALS. Kids will be asked to return all books before break.
- Instead of a poster contest, will do a book mark contest. Each classroom will design their own book mark.

VI: Old Business:

- Monster Mash went well. Along with the 50/50.
- December open house, discussed options. Story teller??
- Update on the directory, should be out soon.
- Instead of a weekly newsletter, maybe do a monthly one with a weekly "Dates to remember"
- Mrs. Santandrea mentioned about the PTO meetings during report card/conference time. Could they be in the morning instead of evening (November and March)?--That was agreed upon.

VII. New Business:

- Nutrition committee member--snacks in the schools do ont meet USDA standards. Will look to convert to ones that do meet the standards.

VIII: Concluding comments:

Adjournment: Erin motioned to adjourn, Jan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Submitted by Anne Burger. Next meeting: Wednesday 2/8/17 at 9AM.