

Birchwood PTO Meeting
Wednesday February 8, 2017
9AM
Birchwood Conference Room.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Members Present: Anne Burger (Secretary and parent); Deb Berndt (principal), Jan Brown (co president and parent), Erin Cassidy-Dorion (co president and parent), Jill Appert (Fundraising and parent), Cosimo Tangorra (Superintendent), Laura Mirkovic (parent), Kate Kirkpatrick (media specialist), Suzanne Brooksby (VP Programs and Services and parent)

I. Call to Order:

By Erin at 9:01AM

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

II. President's Report: (Jan Brown)

- SDM was today. Bingo night was February 1. Went well. Huge success. Coins were donated to fire department
- Learning fair is 3/2
- Fun Fair is 3/10 . Theme is the 80's.
- Erin's report:
- ASEP Online enrollment went well . Will try for 100 % check payments next time.

III. Officer Reports:

A. VP Fundraising (Jill Appert):

- Doing mixed bags again.

B. Treasurer Report:

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

C. VP Programs & Services (Suzanne Brooksby):

- Staff luncheon is 3/6
- Fun Fair is 3/10 with an 80s theme and Minute to win it games.
- Discussed float ideas. Only one parent was able to come to meeting Suzanne scheduled.

A design for the float was decided.

IV. Principal's Report:

- We have been designated as a "No place for hate" school.
- PLC-will give survey to the children to see their thoughts PLC.

V. Teacher's Liaison Report :(Kate Kirkpatrick)

- Winter reading program is ongoing. Some changes that are in line with other schools.

- April will be a bookmark contest. 1 per grade level and bookmark winners will be distributed next year.
- 1000 book kid club is having more participation .
- Preschool story hour is going great.
- Would still like to do a free library outside with an old canoe. Look into if there are any Eagle scouts looking for a project.

VI: Old Business:

- Float for the Niska Day Parade in May. It is Birchwood's year and theme is Super heroes.

VII. New Business:

- Dr. Tangorra came to say hi to everyone.
- Katie Cowley-Cooper--Nature club will be doing something for Earth Day. Discussed a letter writing campaign but don't think we will due that this year.

VIII: Concluding comments:

Adjournment: Erin motioned to adjourn, Jan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM

Submitted by Anne Burger. Next meeting: Wednesday 3/8/17 at 6:30PM.