

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
6:30pm
Birchwood Conference Room

Call to Order

Approval of March 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

- Nominating Committee: Slate of Officers for 16-17
- Budget for 16-17
- Niskaday "Let's Have a Fiesta"
- Visiting Author
- Ride for Missing Children--Sept 30
- ACES

Old Business

- E-registration for programs
- Spring Fundraiser
- Communication Options
- Nature Park Classroom Install
- Photographer Fundraiser
- K Screening
- Mini Grants for Teachers

Concluding Comments

Adjournment

Committee Reports:

Arts in Ed: The Birchwood PTO Arts in Education Committee is excited to welcome FLAME the Band to our school on Wednesday, May 18th from 1-2PM! To learn more about this awesome group, check out <http://www.flametheband.com/> (Cheryl Gerstler)

Pre-K program: The program ended last Thursday. Today, we're having a practice bus ride.

We started the program with about a dozen of children. People from flex zone joined eventually and the number fluctuated. Our next step is to get together and discuss what we'll do on K-screening day. (Soyoung Mok)

Visiting author- Visiting author is going great. Soyoung and Laura have been working with Kate to complete bulletin boards, get book orders completed and set up the Visiting Author day, May 3. (Laura Mirkovic)

Junior achievement- all volunteers have been placed and have coordinated with teachers to complete their program. Katie Cooper is working with teachers to get pictures of parent volunteers where she can. (Laura Mirkovic)

PLC- Saša and Laura Mirković worked with Mrs. Berndt and the PLC steering committee to develop the parent piece of the "community values pie". Two parent sessions were well attended and value statements have been drafted. Next up, action commitments. (Laura Mirkovic)

Yearbook: ad sales for the yearbook: 41 at \$15 == \$615. yearbook sales -- 135 yearbooks -- \$3,024.25 Profits come from ads. (Millie Gnatek)

Ice Cream Social-donations for ice cream, toppings, and bounce house have been confirmed. Solicited for coffee, popsicles, and whip cream. Have some volunteers to face paint. Will put out sign up for staff in main office the last week in April, first week in May. (Katie Cowley-Cooper)

Nature Park:

- 1) Borrowing Miss Rumphius story walk from the Pine Bush for Earth week. Have contacted teachers to let them know and offered to assist taking classes on the trail that week. Will be helping Mrs. Leamy take her first graders on the trail.
- 2) Pine Bush staff will be doing our spring program this year, an ecology hike on June 6th and June 7th after school. The cost will be \$3 per student. Will use our budget to cover the cost.
- 3) Volunteers helped dig the new asparagus bed and extend existing butterfly garden bed.
- 4) Sixteen students are currently registered for the garden program. Concerned that lack of interest may be a result of not providing definitive dates for events. Plan is to send an email blast extending registration and letting parents know that we will try to have garden events Tuesdays or Fridays, but that is subject to change based on weather and my work schedule. We will also let parents know that their child does not have to attend every event if there are scheduling conflicts. (Katie Cowley-Cooper)

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PTO Meeting - 6:30

Ann Burger - Secretary

Enn Cassidy-Donon

Maureen Younkin

Jonathan Younkin

Brian Meservey

Millie Gnatk

Debra Berndt

Katie Cowley-Cooper

Brenda Leticia

Jan Brown

Kathleen Vumilya

Shepperd

Janice Allen

