

Birchwood PTO Meeting  
Wednesday, February 4,, 2015  
9:00  
Birchwood Conference Room

Call to Order

Co-President's Report (Deb Foley, JoMarie Ethier)

Officer Reports

VP Programs and Services (Sonya Ward)

VP Fundraisers (Lynn Boler)

Treasurer (Brenda Leto)

Secretary (Kim McClive-Reed)

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

-Yearbook Contract

-Fundraisers for Playground

-Fun Fair

Old Business

-Playground

-Spring Fundraisers

-February Reading Incentive Program

Concluding Comments

Adjournment

Committee Reports: (See next page)

**ASEP** is going well. We have a bunch of make-ups to schedule, but it will be fine. Once we have actually had one meeting of each class, I will turn in all the checks to the treasurer. *Submitted by Pam Ober*

**Bulletin** is fine and dandy. Any thoughts on who wants to take over next year? It's actually pretty straight forward and does not take that long once you get the hang of it. *Submitted by Pam Ober*

**Pre-K Program:** We have 30+ kids signed up to come and they are so well-behaved and we're doing great even with buddies. We're planning on meeting in a few weeks to talk about which vendors to use for books and ice cream party. They may have ideas I don't have. We certainly want to go for more quantity at lower price. *Submitted by Soyoung Mok*

**Yearbooks:** We have sold 54 yearbooks to date; I will do another set of flyers hopefully this week. Deadline for orders is march 24th giving us a week to finalize everything; I will submit the final entries and yearbook on 3/31

**Ads** - We have sold 13 ads. Ads are \$15 each and all payments, photos and messages are due by March 1st. Limit 2 ads per student.

**Contract** - discuss renewal of contract options *Submitted by Sonya Ward and Millie Gnatek*

### **Nature Park Committee Report for 02/04/15 Birchwood PTO Meeting**

1. Next committee meeting TBD
2. Nature Park Sign installation pending by Committee (spring, maybe to coincide with Earth Day?)
3. Shed: need status update from Deb F
4. Gardens: Committee has discussed "farm to table" opportunities with chef, planning for garden is gaining momentum
5. NCF Grant: Committee is working on Closeout Report.
6. After school program "Critter Scene Investigation" about animal signs and tracks presented by Pinebush on Jan 30 (K-2) was very successful, had 34 students register for 30 slots. Students enjoyed brief presentation followed by a snowshoe hike thru the Nature Park to observe signs of creatures in the woods. Repeat program for the 3-4-5 grades currently at 20 registrations (RSVP due Feb 6 for program on Feb 13). Smaller group size (2 groups of 15) was manageable.

*Submitted by Mike Cooper and Katie Cowley-Cooper*