

BIRCH GROVE PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2008
4:00-5:15 Conference Room

Board Members Present: LeAnne Teiman, Lori Swedeen, Scott Noland, Lisa Monson, Pam Gangestad, MaiLie Lee, Janean Huser.

Family Movie Night: Scheduled for Friday, May 16. Cost is \$5.00/person, \$20.00/family (max. of 6), under age 4 are free. Students must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. Each person will receive popcorn, water and candy. Scott N. will have a money drawer at the front door where payment will be taken. Pam G. has talked to Joan Magnuson and the PTO can use the 2 new projectors. LeAnne T. and Scott N. volunteer to operate the projectors. The movies will be shown in the big and small gyms. Pam G. will make signs for the gym doors. The movies that will be playing are "The Bee Movie" and "Disney's Snow Buddies". Two flyers will be sent out to all grades. The first one will go out on April 30. The second flyer will go out on May 7th. Students are to RSVP by May 12. Lisa M. will talk to Birdie P. about helping with security at the door. Pam G. commented on the Box Top collection. She is still collecting and will be sending out another sheet for the students to fill up. (the class with the most box tops collected will get a free recess). Also, she has a collection of ink cartridges to send in.

New Business: Lori S. brought up childcare offered during the PTO Business meetings. During the last meeting (March), a child was injured. Lori S. suggested that some form of communication be had between the Park Center students who are providing the childcare and the PTO board members (ex. Walkie-talkies). Lori S. will talk to Pam G. and Betty from Park Center to have some guidelines for the students and to ask the students to interact/play with the children during this time.

PTO Officers for 2008-09 School Year: If any of the current members are willing to continue their position or if they know of anyone willing to be on the board, please email LeAnne T.

PTO Business Meeting Agenda Items: MaiLie L. will remind the Special Ed teachers of the meeting and their presentation. A representative from Geckler will speak. Reminders of Burger King Night and Family Movie Night will be mentioned. Discussion will be had regarding the budget

adjustments and planning fundraisers for the next school year. Chairpersons needed for Geckler, Scholastic Book Fair, Turkey Bingo, Read-A-Thon, and Carnival. Lisa Cowart has volunteered to chair Gold C.

Budget: The board discussed areas of the budget that could be cut for next year. Not all areas were discussed at this time. Those discussed were:

Activity Night: Year 07-08 \$150.00 Year 08-09 \$75.00 (+\$75.00)

Behavior Recognition (BG Cares): Year 07-08 \$2,500.00 Year 08-09 \$2,000.00 (+\$500.00)

Field Trips: The budget has a surplus. LeAnne T. will email Deb McEwen to see what field trips are scheduled for the rest of the year. Discussed cutting the budget to \$1,500.00 and still give the teachers the opportunity to request money from the PTO budget. (+\$1,950.00)

Hudy the Reading Dog: The board voted not to renew the contract with Liz and Hootie for the 08-09 school year. When the 08-09 budget has been finalized, MaiLie L. will tell Liz of our decision and ask if she is interested in doing any voluntary visits. (+\$2,000.00)

Instructional Supplies: cut this expense from next year's budget. (+\$1,700.00)

Legionville(Patrols): cut this expense from next year's budget. (+\$260.00)

Playground: no change

Popcorn and Oil: budget \$200.00. (+\$100.00)

SEM Enrichment Salary: Currently, the PTO is funding 3 hours/day, 5 days/week of a part-time para for EXCEL. Discussed funding only 2 hours/day, 5days/week.

SEM Enrichment Supplies: cut this expense from the budget. (+\$200.00)

Sunshine Expense: no change

ValleyFair: Year 07-08 \$1,700.00 Year 08-09 \$850.00 (+\$850.00)

Volunteer Coord. Salary: Discussed possibly cutting the time that is paid by the PTO budget by 1 hour. Need to look at responsibilities of and time spent by the coordinator.

Wastebasket Review Donation: cut this expense from the budget. (+\$40.00)

Scott N. will work on the changes and have a proposed budget at the next business meeting.

LeAnne T. will check with Deb M. to see what is done if the PTO has a budget shortfall at the end of the school year.

Next PTO Board Meeting: *Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Conference Room.*