

BIRCH GROVE PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2008
4:00pm-5:00pm Conference Room

Board Members Present: MaLie Lee, LeAnne Teiman, Dr. Wendy Barden, Lisa Monson, Lori Swedeen, Janean Huser.

Budget: Due to the shortage of funds, the bills for the SEM Enrichment Salary and the Volunteer Coordinator salary will not be paid this month. The student council submitted Box Tops and will be receiving a check from that. Still need payment from a previous Burger King Night and also the most recent one in January.

Read-A-Thon: A reminder was sent home with the students and also a phone call was made, but still had a poor return of pink slips brought in on the first Monday of the month. Tuesday was better with the cut off time for accepting the pink slips is Tuesdays at 3:00pm. Some of the pink slips had quite a high number of minutes, will check with the teachers of those students and see if they are avid readers.

Carnival: After this year, carnival will need storage for the games at the school. Lori Swedeen contacted the gym teachers about using part of the storage room located in the gym. The teachers said that it was okay to use the space. Lori S. will send out a reminder to the teachers about getting pop for the carnival. Still need volunteers—not many slips have been returned.

New Chairpersons Needed: Pam Gangestad and Richard Chakolis will work together to try new ways to get more parents/volunteers involved at school. One of the ways is to have volunteer teams. Ms. Lee will email the teachers and ask them what parents they think would be interested in helping/working with PTO. Before the next PTO Business meeting, an informational meeting regarding the school musical will be held. Parents will be asked to sign up to help with the musical. We could possibly tap into these names for future PTO events.

Meeting Agenda: Ms. Lee will email the 2nd grade teachers about presenting at the meeting. Chairpersons will be needed for next year's Geckler, Read-A-Thon, and Carnival fundraisers. Ms. Lee will give an update on behavioral incidents. She will present a more detailed report on this topic at the March PTO business meeting.

New Business: The topic of Social Networking and Online Safety Training will be presented by Joan Magnuson at the February 19 business meeting. The budget was again discussed and areas that may get cut due to lack of funding would be: Legionville (Patrols), ValleyFair, Hudy(reading dog), Instructional supplies. This will need to be evaluated again after the fundraisers for this year have been completed.

Next PTO Board Meeting: *Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Conference Room.*