

BIRCH GROVE PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2007

4:15pm to 5:30pm Conference Room

Members Present: LeAnne Tieman, Lori Swedeen, Dr. Wendy Barden, Lisa Monson, Pam Gangestad, MaLie Lee, Janean Huser.

Movie Night: The board talked about doing 2 grades at a time and possibly starting with the 2nd and 3rd graders. Those who can attend the movie night need to be students at Birch Grove. The children would see one movie and have pop and popcorn. Charge for each student is \$5.00. Students will wear name tags and these would be marked as they receive their pop and popcorn. Need to check with honor students to help with supervision of the students. A possible time would be 6pm-8pm in the gym. The gym is booked for the winter months, so will look at some dates in the spring, possibly April?

Newsletter: LeAnne showed us a rough draft of a PTO newsletter on upcoming events. This was approved by all present and will go out to the parents this month. It was decided to make the PTO newsletter an insert to the school newsletter.

Read-A-Thon: Lori and LeAnn will be meeting with Diane from Monroe Elementary School on how they run their Read-A-Thon and ways to promote and manage it. We will need volunteers to help keep track of the kids reading progress. Progress will be charted on BG TV twice a week, Wednesdays and Fridays in February.

Conferences: The board decided to have a PTO table at conferences. It will have information about PTO and what it does for the school along with a sign up for Carnival volunteers. Information will be displayed on the upcoming Read-A-Thon and the Book Fair. LeAnne will email Corrie Hoff about this. Conference dates are January 22, 24, 28, 3:45pm-7:45pm. PTO members (past and present) need to staff the table.

PTO Meeting Agenda Items: The 3rd grade teachers will talk on how they integrate the arts into the classroom. Chair and event updates will be given. Lisa Cowart would like to present an Entertainment spring fundraiser idea. An update on recess incidents will also be presented.

New Business: The question was brought up on how to get all PTO presidents from the district together to brainstorm ideas on how to keep PTO strong and get parents involved. MaLie shared some insight on how Garden City runs their PTO. A few things they did were to meet monthly and serve a meal, have students perform, provide daycare, have door prizes and have interpreters for the parents. Also, parents sign up to come in and volunteer twice a month. Other new business discussed was about changing the meeting schedule to one Tuesday a month. Changing meeting time to 4:00pm is an option. Another option mentioned is to meet before/after the business meeting. For the month of January, we will try to have an electronic board meeting. Things will need to be more specific and all members will need to respond to the emails. If things cannot be done by email, then a meeting will be scheduled.

Next PTO Board Meeting will be via email.