

BIRCH GROVE PTO MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2008
Birch Grove Media Center

Board Members Present: LeAnne Tieman, Lori Swedeen, Scott Noland, Lisa Monson, Janean Huser.

Others Present: Lori Noland, Lori Beattie, Liisa Durkot.

Agenda Topic: The 5th Grade Teachers were not present at this meeting.

December Meeting Minutes: The December Business Meeting minutes were approved by Lori S. and seconded by Lori B.

Budget Update: Scott N. presented the budget. We are running a significant deficit, receiving approximately 1/3 of our projected income at this time. A major factor for the budget deficit is the lack of participation by the students. Having 2 big fundraisers left, discussion of possibly making cuts to what the PTO funds for the school and the students could become a reality if profits cannot be made. Lori B. recommended checking the box top website for possibly getting more box tops. It was also suggested using the automatic phone line to remind families of upcoming meetings (PTO, etc.), fundraisers (carnival, soup labels, etc.) and other events at the school to help generate interest and potential income.

Committee Updates: **Hospitality** will be facilitated Kristina Bond. She will set up dinner for the teachers during conferences; need to check with her to see which night. **Scholastic Book Fair** will be all 3 nights of conferences and will be held in the gym. Still need volunteers for this event. The **Read-A-Thon** begins in February. The kick off will be a skit which will air on BG TV. The informational packets will be given out by the teachers at conferences. Lisa Monson will email the teachers regarding the pink slips that are to be turned in by the students. Ideas for when and what to reward the students were discussed. There will be a weekly class prize and also a grand prize at the end of the month. Ideas suggested: cookies, cupcakes, popcorn, root beer floats and ice cream sundaes. The grand prize will be a pizza party for the class/grade that has read the most. The **Carnival** is March 6. We need to follow up with Dana Castonguay as she is doing the raffle this year. Also, need to check with Dana Trouth, who is in

charge of the Silent Auction. Check with Kristina Bond as she may be willing to help with the food. Liisa D. will check into the prices we have been charging for tickets; may need to adjust (increase) price. Need to check on the hospital props as it may be added to the carnival games this year.

New Business: Lori N. is working on a letter that describes PTO and the positive influence it can have on the school, what it does for the school and the students. It will be posted on the website, put in the monthly newsletter and sent home in the Wednesday envelopes.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, February, 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.*

Adjourn: LeAnn T. motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lori S. at 8:15pm.