



MINUTES
Blythe Park PTA
General Membership Meeting
October 16, 2014
7:00pm- Blythe Park School

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance-** Called to order 7:00pm.
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes (vote)-** Minutes from August 29, 2014. Correction to be made under Correspondence section: date range stated 2009 and 2009, should be changed to 2008 and 2009. Motion to accept with correction- Julie Stack, Second- Julie Laube.
- III. Guest Speakers:**
 - 1. Dr. Bhavna Sharma-Lewis:** Discussed District 96's goals and priorities. Reviewed the District Action Plan for the 2014-2015 academic year to include three main goal areas. Goal Area 1: Academic and Professional Excellence, Goal Area 2: Financial and Operational Excellence, Goal Area 3: Rigorous Communications.
 - 2. Ben Sells:** Village of Riverside's President came to encourage our community to go and vote on election day and to support the Street Bond Referendum for the Village of Riverside. Vote to extend the 10 year referendum. A card will go out in the mail to all residents before election day.
- IV. Officer Reports**
 - 1. President:** Report read by Meaghan Mathews on behalf of Susan Casey. Thanked all volunteers. Halloween windows for downtown Riverside will be taking place on Oct. 25th from 10am-2pm. Bake sale will take place during election day on Nov. 4th. Working on asking Flur and Fiore bakeries to donate to our bake sale. We will be starting a new fundraiser of Poinsettia sales. Sales will begin at the end of October and all orders will be due on Nov. 14th.
 - 2. 1st Vice President-Meaghan Mathews:** Still need volunteers for Fun Fair, especially for the gym games.
 - 3. 2nd Vice President- Carmia Stanovich:** Working on booking the next school assembly for the second trimester to align with common core.
 - 4. 3rd Vice President- Laura Rubio:** The fundraisers we have already had were projected to bring in about \$3000. To date we are above projection at \$4716. First submission of box tops has been sent in and we are expecting a check for \$665 which is a bit less than was expected. Will start to push it bit more and have more incentives for classes. Campbell Soup Labels need to be cashed in for rewards.
 - 5. Treasurer-Julie Laube:** CD balance is at \$3191.49. Our current checking account balance is \$2917.40 as of 9/30/14.
- V. Principal's Report- Ms. Casimira Gorman**

Grades 2-5 will be starting Cogat testing next week, Oct. 20th-30th. Thank you to Lisa Gaynor for helping to replace the tree above the auditorium. The plaque still needs to be put up, maybe we can have a little reception and invite the four teachers that the plaque is in honor of. Parent University that was held at Hauser had about 85 parents attend. Talked about MyMath program. Teachers should send out information about log in, etc. Switching from selling individual milk tickets to have a milk card instead that can be punched per use. Kindergarten got new furniture this year. Thinking of having PTA help organize a fundraiser to have the kids decorate the old furniture with their art and then potentially auction off the items.
- VI. Staff Report- Mrs. Corri Marchuk**

Request for donations of outgrown kids clothes to have on hand in the office for any accidents. Clothes for the younger grades would be the most helpful.
- VII. Communications: Lisa Gaynor**

All families are now on the list to receive emails. Sending out of the Happenings on Mondays is going smoothly.

VIII. Events and Fundraising Report Recap

1. Ice Cream Social- was a great success and the fact that the weather was nice allowed us to have it be all outdoors which was great. Thinking of having it start a half hour earlier next year at 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm due to it getting dark earlier.
2. Garage Sale- was a great success exceeding our budget of \$500 to \$1400.
3. Spirit Wear- the final revenue was \$316.56. 21 families and staff placed orders.
4. Sidewalk Art Sale- 42 squares were sold. We made \$126 and our goal was \$100.

IX. Ongoing/Upcoming Events

1. Original Works- Art work will be sent next week and magnets will be going home. Orders are due by Nov. 17.
2. **Hot Lunch-** Next hot lunch will be next Friday on Oct. 24th. Researched offering hot dogs as a lunch option but it was agreed to keep only pizza at this time.
3. **Election Bake Sale-** Need volunteers to help work shifts.
4. **Five Below-** Time period will be between Thanksgiving and beginning of Christmas season. Bring in flyer to the store and Blythe will receive 10% of sales.
5. **Cleaner Options-** Dry cleaning service that will pickup and deliver to your house. We have up to 30 families that do not have kids at Blythe but have donated the profits to our school. Send thank you notes to those families. Checks get sent once a year in January.
6. **Fitness-** First Wellness Wednesday the kids were well behaved and ready to go. They had a great time with Flying High as the guest.
7. **Library-** There is only one librarian this year. Working on "Celebration of Books". Donate a book to your child. A change this year is that non-fiction material is being referred to as informational text. Have reading time in Spanish as well as English. Need some more volunteers, especially for the 4th & 5th grade classes.
8. **Cardio Kids-** Started two weeks ago. We have about 35 kids each day. There is a big chart with all the kids names on it that will track how much they have run. November we will have a cocoa run.
9. **Veterans Day-** Program will still be held in the morning at 10am. No time change.

X. Public Comment

Carol Barlow- Working on 5th grade T-shirts. They should be coming out next week.

Claudia Chapulis- There is a spot on the bulletin boards for PTA information that is outside of the office.

Adjournment- 8:05pm. Motion to dismiss: Julie Stack. Second: Carol Barlow.

Respectfully submitted by Chaza Schira