

Bollman Bridge Elementary School
PTA Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2010

Present were: Jonathon Davis (Principal), Tina Ferguson (PTA President), Letha Jackson, Saw Khin Aye, Salai Alram Ceu, Natalie Wijayatilleke, Atule Jguche, Nichole Verdejo, Doug Spicher

Introductions:

Tina Ferguson opened the PTA membership meeting at 6:10 pm.

President's Update:

Tina Ferguson welcomed everyone for coming to the PTA meeting. She looked over the agenda and skipped the delegate report because the PTA delegate was not able to attend the meeting. Tina briefly described the auction and how excited she was about all the great donations that were coming in and turned the meeting over to Doug Spicher, the Auction Chairman.

Committee Report:

- Auction: Doug Spicher announced he was able to get a popcorn machine for the auction event. Doug described some of the donations he had received;
 - The game store located in the Savage Mill offered to bring game samples, coupons and games for families to play.
 - Pittsburgh Steelers provided and autograph picture
 - Gift cards from Safeway, Olney Movie Theater, RamsHead Tavern in the Savage Mill, Restaurants around the surrounding area, cruise lines and more.
 - Let's Dish will provide some food samples as well as dessert samples and asked if they would be allowed to bring their tablecloth with the store logo on it. Doug made it clear that they were very welcome to bring any promo items to the event.
 - Bowie Baysox brought up a lot of discussion for they donated tickets as well as fundraising opportunities. The idea of having a BBES PTA Night at a Bowie Baysox game was favored by those who attended the meeting. Doug will be negotiating some ideas to help entice families to come out such as having Mr. Davis throw the first pitch, having the school choir sing the anthem, going on a firework night, having a meal package, running a concession stand at the stadium.
 - Doug was very animated on the letting us know that teacher donations are very important to the auction. He also mentioned to Mr. Davis that it was very popular to auction off being a principal for the day. He shared with us the very generous donation from Ms. Schurman. She donated a day taking the child to the sports legend museum, an item at the gift shop and lunch out.
 - He announced that High school students are welcome to help out and volunteer and that he will sign off on 2 hours of community service for graduation requirements.
 - The auction committee is in need of volunteers to help deliver baskets and donation, wrap and decorate baskets, set up, clean up, and game monitoring.
 - He thanked Tina Ferguson and Mrs. Kunzle for copying and distributing flyers.
 - Auction will be from 6-8:30.
 - Martial art performance is trying to be scheduled in the ½ hour wait period while the auction winners are being produced.
 - The areas the auction will take place is the media and cafeteria. The gym would be nice to have. Mr. Davis offered to cancel any pre-existing events in the gym and give it to the auction.
 - Baysox tickets came up again in conversation. The idea is for the PTA to buy tickets ahead of time for half price. Regular tickets are \$7.00, the PTA would be able to buy them for \$4.00. The PTA would then sell the tickets at any price we desire, but it had been established that it would not be for much more than a couple of dollars more because this is an event to bring the community together

- and not so much as to make money. Potential dates that came up: May 21st at 7:05pm (will not work because of the school play). June 4th sounded good with Mr. Davis, but he wanted to meet with Doug and Tina Ferguson separately to make sure it doesn't conflict with anything else. Doug then brought up June 18th because that would be the last full day of school and that night would have fireworks.
- Mr. Davis questioned the end of the year picnic and how this would conflict with the Baysox idea. Tina thought that if the Baysox night was a hit and stirred up a lot of interest, then perhaps combining the end of the year picnic with BBES PTA baseball night. No decision was made about this.
 - Bingo Night Recap: It was expressed that Bingo Night was a huge success despite the weather. The PTA brought in \$195.00. The donations for prizes, desserts, water and raffle items turned out better than expected. Nicole mentioned that the cafeteria was full and extra tables had to be set up to accommodate the overflow.
 - School Play: Tina brought up the school play, Fiddler on the Roof, Jr. She mentioned that registration is now open and there will be student assistance if needed. The theater offers scholarships and if that was to run out, the PTA will tap in to the student assistance fund. She mentioned that anyone can contact her, the liaison Laura Edwards or Theater rep Rob if there were any questions or assistance needed. The question came up on how many kids have signed up. Because the registration just opened about a week ago, there was an estimated 7 kids who turned in their registration. Tina explained that there is to be a minimum of 20 students signed up for the show to move forward and a maximum of 40 kids to be in the play. Any more than 40 will be on a waitlist.
 - Memory Book: Memory book sales are open. The deadline for buying the book at the discounted rate is March 1st, but the memory book can be bought until the end of the year. Tina explained that the PTA absorbed any extra cost of having a custom yearbook this year. She described the yearbook cover, the additional pages with children's artwork, the PTA page, the dedication page etc. She expressed her excitement in having a special yearbook for the kids.
 - Cultural Arts: Tina asked for feedback on the Blue Sky Puppet show. She thought they did a great job and was very impressed on how two guys can put on a huge show. She asked Mr. Davis to help gather feedback from the teachers so we can determine whether or not to bring them back next year.

Tina asked if anyone had any other questions, concerns, and ideas before moving on to the Principal's report.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Davis discussed the following:

Mr. Davis expressed how busy it has been with the weather and schedule changing. He pointed out that the MSA testing had been pushed to the 9th and the 10th. He also mentioned that April 1st is now a full day, 3rd quarter report cards will be coming out 1 ½ weeks later than scheduled, April 22nd was a teacher work day, but has now turned in to a school day for the kids, May 14th was an articulate day for the teachers but is now a full student day for the kids. The conferences are now cancelled, but if you would like to schedule a conference, you are more than welcome to. Mr. Davis was very upset about having the conference cancelled and expressed to us that the PTA and parents have a voice, and if you are unhappy about this, to make sure we let the board know. The BBES conference participation is 95%. He let the staff know that if a parent would like to have a telephone conference about their child, it would be ok.

He also mentioned the 21st, 22nd and 23rd are still ½ days.

The new drop off and pick up procedures are doing well, and are being discussed this week on whether or not to make it permanent. The cars are allowed to drop off and pick up in the bus loop now on to the far right of the busses. Mr. Davis said the bus drivers like the new procedure, but the school is still working out some little things here and there. The new procedure takes more staff and more set up time, but in the long run it all seems to make things better. Mr. Davis encourages cars coming from left side of the bus loop to drop off and pick up.

Tina asked about the coffee with the administration date, and Mr. Davis said he will put the date in this week's bridge.

Mr. Davis explained staffing for next year. The goal is to have 5 teachers for K, 5 teachers for 1st and 5 teachers for 2nd etc. Depending on the budget and what information he gathers from the staffing meeting he will be attending on March 2nd provides.

Children will still have spring break off. The end of the school year is now June 23rd.

The question was asked about the Stanford testing in 2nd grade. Was the test going to be read aloud, or on paper? Mr. Davis explained that the child will be read to, and then would have to put their answer on paper. He will be checking with the teachers to see if there would be an information night to help the parents understand this test better. He mentioned that a good night sleep and a great breakfast is key to performing better. He believes the testing dates is the week of April 19th

Mr. Davis will be checking the dates on the band and strings performances since the school schedules have been changed. He will be meeting with Doug about the auction times and Tina Ferguson about event dates.

Upcoming Events:

March 19th- Silent Auction

March 30th- PTA Meeting

Closing remarks:

Tina asked if anyone had any other questions, and mentioned the Resume Workshop immediately following the PTA meeting.

The February PTA meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Recorded by Tina Ferguson, PTA President.
(Michelle Poindexter, PTA recording secretary, was out of town on business)