

BRMES PTA Meeting Minutes 9/7/17

In attendance: Karen Lannom, Lisa Montague, Amy Heleniak, Marina Bates, Beckie Wayne, Cindy McKenna, Tara Woods, Rich Prittie, Stacie Hettinga-Sawyer, Alison Foudy, Kathy Schon, Heather Denning, Lesli Speirs, Amie Anderton Debbie Wallace, and Valerie Berg (principal)

Meeting called to order at 8:15am

Introductions of meeting attendees and PTA board members.

Administrative items:

Yearly audit – distributed to all attendees and reviewed by Karen Lannom. Karen motioned to pass. Kathy Schon seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

Standing Rules – Standing rules distributed and reviewed by Karen Lannom. Highlights including: Dues \$15, PTA required to meet three times per year, and Positions require a revote at third quarter meeting, plus other details of standing rules. Karen Lannom motioned to pass. Beckie Wayne seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

Budget – Budget printout provided to all attendees. Karen Lannom reviewed the budget. Karen Lannom motioned to pass the new budget. Seconded by Heather Denning. All in favor. None opposed.

Upcoming events:

Bike to school day – Friday September 15th. Sign-up sheet passed around room.

Tortoise and Hare Fundraiser – Friday September 15th. Sign up available online.

School T-shirt Design Contest – This year's theme "Cruising to where adventures begin!" AKA "Beach-y/Bike-y theme"

Box tops – We are currently looking for a new coordinator for box top program. A description of the program was provided by Lisa Montague (the current coordinator). Lisa explained that collection boxes were in each classroom to see what grade collects the most. Box tops must be mailed by November 1st and

March 1st. Heather Denning volunteered to organize the November collection. Stacie Hettinga-Sawyer volunteered to organize the March collection.

Teacher Grants – Currently a form must be completed for teachers to get grant money for their projects. A subcommittee was formed in the 2016/2017 school year to review and approve grant requests. An idea was proposed at this meeting to distribute the grant money evenly among all grades, negating the need for teachers to fill out paperwork. The other option would be to keep the system as is and require teachers to propose specific ideas. After some discussion, the issue was called to a vote. Karen Lannom proposed to require grant request paperwork to be filled out by teachers and reviewed by a PTA subcommittee for approval. Heather Denning seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

Hurricane Harvey Fundraiser – An idea was proposed to do a school fundraiser for Hurricane Harvey. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should let the kids vote (Leadership group) on what causes should receive fundraising monies/items.

Principal Val Berg – Discussed school capacity rumors. The maximum capacity of the school is 425 students. We are currently at 415. We have 33 new children enrolled this year. We must be at capacity for 3 consecutive years to merit any talk of expanding space. Full day kindergarten was voted in. The school board wants to make it free to all attendees. It may be possible to utilize the portables (currently in use for the alternative high school construction) for the pre-school, which would free up more space at BRMES. Val reviewed the BRMES websites. Schoology, power school, clicking teacher websites for spelling lists.

Marina Bates - November 16th Craft Fair. Homemade items made by kids. Encouraging creativity. Any volunteers are welcome to contact Marina.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 am