

## Liberty Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:30am.

Attendance: Tina Flannery, Bea Taura, Leanne Gossett, Vanessa Hamilton, Mark Latham, Duff Patterson, Susan Bolton, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, Andrea Wood, Laura Sams, Denise All, Janette Leonard, Tracy Robinson, Annette Everly, Eileen Watts

**Secretary Report:** Andrea Wood

April minutes presented for approval. **Motion made by Laura Sams, second by Vanessa Hamilton to accept minutes. Motion approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Bolton

Not much activity to report in May. There are items yet to be entered. Staff Appreciation spent \$135 so far. Book Fair final deposit \$1363.99. We take our profit in books back to the school. 7<sup>th</sup> grade event money was collected and team money will be used for the event. 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration and trip money has been reconciled. (Check cut to Mrs.Zink in February for 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.)

Final balance, not yet reconciled for May, is \$31,844.07.

### **New Business:**

Officer slate for 2009-2010 proposed for a vote.

Co-Presidents: Leanne Gossett, Vanessa Hamilton, Vice-President: Duff Patterson, Treasurer: Susan Bolton, Secretary: Andrea Wood

**2009-2010 Officer slate unanimously approved.**

Special thank you to Laura Sams and Mark Latham for their 2-year commitment as Co-Presidents. Thank you to all PTO officers and volunteers from Laura. Thank you notes circulated from teachers and staff for Staff Appreciation day.

**President's Report:** Laura Sams

Giant Eagle Apples for Students "purchases": iMac, DVD camcorder, Karaoke system, Snap Circuit kit, playground balls. We will push for families to register for Kroger and Giant Eagle programs at BTS store and Curriculum night \*(add to checklist from office for items parents need to do at schedule pick up).

Also: August 10- October 19 "Earning for Learning" through purchases at Polaris.

Discussion of book sale at Barnes and Noble, in place of Book Fair for 2009-2010 school year. Suggestion made by Gena Williams to spend earned Scholastic Spring Book Fair money on

books for the Library. **Motion made by Tina Flannery, second by Tracy Robinson to spend spring Book Fair earnings on books for the Library. Motion approved.**

**Principal's Report:** Gena Williams

Thank you from the staff for the Staff Appreciation event. There has been very positive feedback on the massages and the luncheon. It was great to see volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation event. 8<sup>th</sup> graders leave Sunday night for DC trip. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration will be held Friday from 9:30-11:00am.

Terra Nova results sent home with last grade cards, OAT results will be sent home in July. There are Language Arts and Social Studies positions open for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We will share 1 science teacher position between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades next year.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Mark Latham

In looking at budget of \$24,600, Scrip income is \$23,000 (what was given to PTO last year). This year: \$15,000 in July. Next year:-:down \$8,000. We will need to closely discern the budget for next year.

Old Kroger program ended April 30. We are actually \$540 ahead of previous year.

We won't know until mid-August the final dollar amount we will get from that program. There has been positive feedback so far on the ease of new Kroger program. The problem is that the money is divided between many groups- schools, community, etc. The push should be to register with Kroger and a bigger push to use the gift card (Scrip) program because it is constant year-round earning.

There was a discussion of fundraising and the fact that we will no longer have Kroger earnings to largely fund PTO. Suggestion to have an "Un-fundraiser" to solicit donations. \*There is a need to establish a Fundraising Committee next year to address this issue.

**Reporter:** Tina Flannery

The current issue is with Mrs. Buckerfield and then ready to send out.

**On-Going Business:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Annette Everly. It will be Friday 5/29. The cafeteria will be catering the breakfast. The cost is \$750 to feed 250 students. Parents are donating water, juice boxes and fruit. No decorations for the breakfast, perhaps some balloons. The big celebration will be for the graduation. Mrs. Zink is doing a great job.

**Back to School Store:** Denise All. Scheduled for Aug. 19, 20. (Wyandotte will hold theirs at OLMS Aug. 18). List of supplies will be mailed home with grade cards.

**Sixth Grade (incoming) Parent Welcome:** It went well. We should consider doing it again during 6<sup>th</sup> grade Web program.

**Logo Wear:** Andrea Wood. Items have been ordered and should be delivered to school in time to sell at BTS store. We are hoping to sell items once a month at the School Store.

**Scrip:** Betsey Farquhar-Bradish. Back up to 10 participants. \$189.50 total profit, \$74 to individual accounts, \$115.50 to PTO. Suggestion to do a "visual" for Curriculum Night to show

how money can be made using Scrip gift cards. June 4, July 9, August 6, dates to submit summer orders to pick-up from Vanessa.

**School Store:** No formal report. Last sale date will be 5/29. Profit \$415 this year.

**Staff Appreciation:** There are very positive comments from teachers/staff and also from the chiropractors (they hope to be able to come back next year). We spent less than half the amount budgeted.

**New Business:**

**Out-going President Suggestions:** Scale-back budget; review of by-laws needs to be done every 2-3 years, changes made accordingly and dated; possibly recruit a publicity chair to change signage, manage newsletter, funnel information; establish a fundraising committee (possibly merge publicity and fundraising).

**Volunteer Needs:** Chair for 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration (we have plenty of volunteers; BTS Store, Logowear: need volunteers for sale days in August; DC trip fundraiser: magazine sale is school-sponsored, PTO helps with volunteers.

Thank you to Laura and Mark for their contributions to OLMSPTO!

**Motion made by Annette Everly, second by Eileen Watts to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am.**