

Bremen Elementary PTO Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:30pm

In attendance: Mr. Burns, Hillary Miller, Jacien Squires, Jill Squires, Brad Bell, Keryn Kimball, Tara Eichhorn, Betsy Foltz, Michelle Cooperider, Megan Sattler, Shelley Walker, David Burdett, and Barbara Burdett.

- **President's Report –**
 - “Thank you” to everyone who helped with the carnival. We even had people helping who do not have kids in our school.
 - Congratulations to the October SOAR winners – Gavin Rowland, Billy Gray, Jillian Wilkinson, Mike Richards, and Korah Duemmel.

- **Vice President's Report -** no report.

- **Treasurer's Report –** Jacien reviewed the income and expenses since the last meeting. Shelley Walker made a motion to accept the report and Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Secretary's Report –** October minutes were reviewed and Barb Burdett made a motion to approve the minutes. David Burdett seconded the motion. Motion passed. October minutes will be posted on the webpage this week.

- **Principal's Report**
 - 3rd and 4th grade will be going to the Civil War exhibit at the Historical Society next week.
 - Bullying program training will be December 10th and 11th.
 - We brought in over \$500 for the Red Cross Hurricane Sandy relief fund.
 - Christmas Exchange – is everyone okay with donating to the local food pantry and Community Action instead of doing a Christmas Exchange? We have been doing this for four years and it has gone over very well. Everyone was in favor of continuing this tradition.
 - A local church wants to donate their bounce houses to the school for an event, possibly during the ice cream social before the next school year. We will pursue this and discuss more at a later date.

- **Classroom Rep Reports**
 - **Barbara Burdette** – Mrs. Neal wants a new CD player for her classroom. A motion was not made to approve this since Walmart just gave each teacher \$50 and the PTO gave each teacher \$50 at the beginning of the school year.

- **Megan Sattler** – no update from Mrs.Venrick on the rugs. Hillary looked into the rugs and it will cost \$1524 to purchase three (3) rugs for the Kindergarten classrooms. These rugs have a 10-year warranty. Brad Bell made a motion to approve the purchase of these rugs and Megan Sattler seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Donuts with Dad** – We had a good turnout and enough donuts 😊 Tara to remind Laurie that we need a report of how much was bought and what was leftover so that we have a record for next year.
- **Carnival** – The carnival was a success. Profits so far for this year are roughly half of what we made last year (\$1500 vs \$3000). This is closer to the profit we made at the first carnival. All chairs (Food, Falcon Raffle, Games (including Cake Walk), Prizes, Bingo, etc.) need to get their reports in to Tara so that we have a guideline for next year. Please include quantities ordered and leftover quantities and where games, cotton candy machine, etc. were borrowed from.
- **Cookie Dough Sale** – In the past, the PTO has paid for prizes for the top sellers. This year, Market Day is providing prizes for the top three sellers. Our goal is to sell 600 boxes in order to earn \$4000. Order forms are due November 30th and phone/internet orders by 9pm December 5th. Pickup date is December 10th. Brad Bell made a motion to approve the idea of providing a cookie party (we will purchase cookies from Market Day for this) for each class that sells 38 boxes of cookies and to give the top classroom ice cream and sprinkles in addition to the cookies. Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed. Classroom parties will be Friday, December 14th.
- **Pennies for Playground** – is over. The jars are being collected from local businesses.
- **Volunteers needed for December 20th** – We need volunteers on Thursday, December 20th from 11am – 12:30pm to cover classrooms (lunches and recess). The teachers will be joining the Chamber of Commerce and retired teachers/staff for lunch and then a HS choral show at our school (parent volunteers are welcome to stay for the choral show!).
- **Writer's Showcase Winners**- David Burdett made a motion to give the winner from each grade (1st through 4th) a \$15 gift certificate to the Spring Book Fair. Megan Sattler seconded the motion. Motion passed. The gift certificate will be for books and not posters and erasers.
- **Basketball Nets** – Tara Eichhorn made a motion to spend up to \$40 to buy four new basketball nets. Two will be used immediately and the other two will be stored for later use. Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Blinds for cafeteria** – It does not get dark enough in the cafeteria to use the projector. The committee discussed purchasing blinds but tabled the idea until we have more information and pricing.
- **Grandparents Day-** Programs are December 3rd and 6th at 2:45pm. We need volunteers to help serve cookies and lemonade on these two days and also Monday night (Dec. 3rd) for the two programs at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Email bespto@fairfield-union.k12.oh.us or call the school if you are able to help 😊
- **Lighted Christmas Parade (December 15th)** – We will be having a brain-storming meeting on December 1st at 9am at Foltz Farm on how to decorate the float and how to get more kids to walk behind the float. Betsy Foltz made a motion to spend up to \$200 on items that could be used on the float year after year. Keryn Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed. Please join us if you are free or you can email ideas to bespto@fairfield-union.k12.oh.us.
- **Fall Book Fair** – The book fair was successful. Each teacher was able to spend \$50 on books for their classroom and we also spent \$600 on birthday books.
- **Classroom Baskets Raffle** – Baskets are being assembled now and will be on display starting December 3rd. You will be able to buy tickets during the Grandparent’s Day programs and during the Christmas Programs on December 3rd. Tickets will also be available for purchase at Bev’s desk (Secretary) during the school day.
- **Fundraising ideas** – David Burdett brought up some fundraising ideas to look into- movie night, Monte Carlo Night, and a rummage sale. We will discuss these more at a later date. All good ideas David. Thanks for the input!
- **Lancaster Greenhouse Fundraiser** – 15% of proceeds from sales at the Lancaster Greenhouse on November 30, December 1, and December 2nd will go directly to the PTO if the customer gives them a “ticket” with our name on it. The “tickets” will be going home with students on Tuesday, November 27th.
- **Yearbook and Liability Insurance bills** – Keryn Kimball made a motion to pay the bills and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Keryn Kimball made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Betsy Foltz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

The next meeting will be January 8th at 6:30pm - no meeting in December! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time for our children and community! Enjoy the upcoming Holidays with your family!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Eichhorn

PTO Secretary