Bremen Elementary PTO Minutes

September 10, 2013 - 4:30pm

*Those in attendance : **Principal**- Dawn Rice, Health Aide- Rose Ann Elliot, **Teachers**- Sandy Seifert, Jamie Kostiuk, Karen May, **Parents**- Betsy Foltz, Tara Eichhorn, Brad Bell, Jacien Squires, Jill Squires, Samantha Ashton, Hillary Miller, Michelle Cooperider, Dan Burdett, Angie Nickoloff, Natalie Guseman, Ty McCafferty.*

- **Welcome** – President Brad Bell welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for being there.
- **Introductions** – everyone in the room introduced themselves so we could identify them as a teacher or a parent with a child in a certain grade. Attendance is listed at the top of the page.
- **Officers Reports**
    - **Presidents Report** – None
    - **Vice Presidents Report** – None
    - **Treasurers Report** – Jacien Squires explained all the different funds we have set up to explain to new members. Only new income for the month was the Kroger Rewards check, which will go into the School Supplies Fund. Betsy Foltz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Hillary Miller Seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
    - **Secretary Report** – None
    - **Principal Report** – Stated that the school is focusing on school safety this month to help remind the children of proper safety procedures. Also, She is trying to push resources that are reusable year to year so certain products do not have to be purchased every year.
- **Classroom representatives** – nothing to report at this time.
- **PTO Shed** – Bill from Tom Pugh was sent to Principal Rice in the amount of $2916. We are to send payment directly to Bremen Lumber so the High School can begin building shed for PTO storage. A budget of $3000 was previously voted on and approved.
- **Committees** – A breakdown of all the PTO sponsored events was sent around for all to see where we need people to fill in.
    - NEED a Book Fair Chair to set everything up and get volunteers for both the fall and spring book fairs.
        - Book fair will only be open to the children during lunch/recess time so the teachers do not have to take more time out of class to visit the book fair. They will take children once to make a wish list, then it is up to the children to come during recess.
        - Teachers suggested that we have a schedule for when they bring students down to make wish lists
            - Volunteers are needed on the day(s) wish lists are made for those younger children that need help writing.
    - **Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad** – Angie Volunteered to Chair those events.
    - **SOAR (Showing Others About Respect) Awards** – Hillary Miller volunteered to Chair. SOAR will start this week.
    - **Fall Clothing Sale – Falcon Wear**

        - We have used Promotions by Design in the past but it was recommended that we switch to PSI in Lancaster because of excellent service and better prices.
- September – October Events
    - **Book Fair – 10/14**
    - **Market Day – 9/16, 10/7**
        - Co Chair and Volunteers needed for pick up dates to help things run smoothly
        - Cookie sale will start November and end the first week of December. Pick up will be December 16th. Truck will arrive at 4:30pm and pick up will be starting at 6:30. We will be organizing how to work pick up to make it easier for everyone.
    - **Donuts with Dad – 10/16**
    - **Olweus Kick Off – 10/21**
        - Bullying Program, asking for donations from the community for the kick off.
        - PTO was asked to donate the t-shirts for the staff and volunteers to wear during the kick off. Hillary made the motion. Dan Burdett seconded the motion. Motion passed.
        - Committee also suggested that the kids sell the t-shirts before the kickoff and the profits will go to the PTO to help with the cost of the t-shirts for the staff.
- **New Business**
    - **Sandy Seifert** asked if the PTO will be sponsoring the trophies for the Spelling Bee and Geography Bee again this year. Mrs. Seifert made the motion and Michelle Cooperider seconded. Motion passed.
    - **Sandy Seifert** also wanted to see if the PTO was going to continue giving the 4th grade teachers $40 each nine weeks for the Accelerated Reading Program. Mrs. Seifert made the motion for the PTO to continue this year. Sam Ashton seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
    - **Jamie Kostiuk** asked which learning program the PTO wanted to support this year. In past years we have supported the Zoo program because of the cost of the COSI program was to pricey. This year COSI is providing different programs. PTO will discuss and decide which program we will bring to the school at a later meeting.
    - **FUEL – Ty McCafferty** came to the PTO to see if we would be interested in providing the concession stands for all the home games. 80-85% would be profit for the PTO with approximately 350 people on any given Saturday.
        - RoseAnn Elliott brought up that the health department has specific rules and regulations that would need to be followed.
        - Multiple volunteers would be needed on Saturday mornings/afternoons.
        - Tabled until further discussion.
- **Next meeting is October 15th at 4:30pm in the school library.**
- Jill Squires made the motion to Adjourn the meeting. Jamie Kostiuk seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Approved at October 15th Meeting