Bremen Elementary PTO Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 4:00pm

In attendance: Principal Rick Burns, Hillary Miller, Jacien Squires, Brad Bell, Tara Eichhorn, Keryn, Kimball, Betsy Foltz, and Sam Ashton.

- **President's Report-**
  - Thank you to Megan Sattler, Laurie Withem, Shelle Walker, and all the other volunteers who helped with the Spring Programs, Muffins with Moms, and the Bookfair!
  - Congratulations to the following SOAR winners:

SOAR Award Winners for April 2013
Pre-K – Dakota Warthman
Gr. 1 – Elijah Reed
Gr. 2 – Mackenzie Ruff
Gr. 3 – Myah Messbarger
Gr. 4 – Blaine Eyman

- **Vice Presidents' Reports –** none.

- **Treasurer's Report** :
  - Jacien Squires reviewed the income and expenses since our last meeting.
  - Tara Eichhorn made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Brad Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Secretary's Report** –
  - Tara Eichhorn submitted the March minutes for review. Brad Bell made a motion to approve the minutes and Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Tara handed out the "Thank You to our Sponsors" page so that updates could be submitted.

- **Principal's Report** – Mr. Burns announced that he is retiring this summer ☹

- **Classroom Reports –**
  - Hillary received a request for the PTO to rent a Port-a-John for the Kindergarten field trip to Mrs. White's Farm. Sam Ashton made a motion to approve the request and Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Ms. Valesko made a request for the PTO to purchase and fill 400-500 water balloons and purchase 4 colors of spray paint for Olympic Day. Betsy Foltz made a motion to approve the request and Sam Ashton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Market Day –** made $185.50 this month
  - **Yearbooks-** due in around May 15th
  - **Kroger Rewards** – a reminder to re-enroll your card in the Community Rewards Program was sent home last week. This program renews yearly so everyone must re-register their cards in order for the PTO to continue to earn money.
  - **School Supplies** – Tara made a motion to spend the Kroger Rewards money already earned toward school supplies for the next school year. Keryn Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will need to meet with the teachers to get updated supply lists and let them know what we are purchasing.
  - **Other** – Brad Bell made a motion to look into and spend up to $3000 on a shed. Jacien seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **New Business**
  - **Century Resources –** presented but no interest.
  - **Community Garden –** Keryn Kimball made a motion to spend up to $100 for seeds, soil, pots, etc. for community use and another $50 for teacher/student use within Bremen Elementary. The high school has volunteered to plant the seeds in the containers and take care of them until they are ready for the plots. Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Administrative Professionals Day (4/24) –** Brad made a motion to purchase flowers and giftcards for Bev. The PTO will get Bev a gift card for the same amount we give teachers for supplies as well as a gift card for dinner out for all the hard work she does specifically for the PTO. (Thank You Bev!!!) Keryn Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Kindergarten Screenings (4/29-5/2)** – we still need a couple items for the bags but they will be done by the 29th . Betsy made a motion to purchase cups, napkins, and cookies for the screenings. Keryn Kimball seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - **Staff Appreciation Luncheon –** is May 8th. Brad Bell to cater. We need volunteers to cover lunches (1 person per classroom) from 11:30am to 1:30pm.
  - **Health Fair –** is May 9th. Brad will also be catering this. We need 14 volunteers for the entire day. Volunteers are needed to walk around the health fair with the classrooms in order to help keep the kids on track and accounted for (just like a field trip).
  - **Waiver Day (5/17) –** no school. The PTO was asked to provide lunch for the staff. Request was not approved.
  - **Soar T-shirts** – Tara Eichhorn made a motion to purchase more t-shirts. Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Other** – Keryn Kimball made a motion to purchase flowers for Frances and Bernadette to thank them for their help this year baking cookies. Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Old Business**
  - **Charitable Organization Law –** Jacien is working on
  - **Cafeteria Blinds** – we still need more information. Tabled again until next meeting.
  - **Playground Sign** – tabled until next meeting.
  - **Basket Raffle** – the Friendly Bremen Bank here in town will be selling tickets for us throughout the rest of April.

- **Officers for the next school year will be:**
  - **President –** Brad Bell
  - **Vice President –** Tara Eichhorn
  - **Treasurer –** Jacien Squires
  - **Secretary –** Betsy Foltz

Brad Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Betsy Foltz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00pm in the school library. Free childcare will be provided.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Eichhorn
PTO Secretary