Bremen Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

9/8/2014

In attendance: Dawn Rice, Brad Bell, Michelle Cooperider, Jacien Squires, Jill Squires, Cheryl Flowers, Hillary Miller, Michelle Lama, Marcy Brown, Karen May, Shelley Walker, Christina Venrick, Rachel Fisher, Christina Burnworth, Eric Duemmel, Tara Eichhorn, Pete Galella

Treasurer's report: Jacien provided everyone present with a copy of the most recent financial report. All the different line items were reviewed in addition to the totals for all checking and savings accounts. Dawn Rice motioned to approve. Hillary Miller second. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report today as this is the first meeting. Tara Eichhorn provided a copy of the May 2015 meeting minutes to approve as they were not approved. Hillary Miller made a motion to approve. Michelle Cooperider second. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Dawn Rice reported that last year we had a movie night. It was a success. So, we will be having four movie nights this year. The license to show the movies is on file and has been paid for by the PTO. Strayer Avenue is now a one way street as of this week. The parent pick up has increased in efficiency since the beginning of the year. It is safer now for kids walking off of school campus. The staff are now able to get children to where they need to be. We have an OLWEIS bullying program and two parent volunteers helping with putting the program together. They are looking for one more parent volunteer. The meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30am at the school. Please contact Dawn if you would like to volunteer for this program.

Classroom Representatives' Report: Mrs. Flowers requested the PTO's financial support of the Accelerated Reader Program for 4th graders. The teachers are giving away gift cards in the amount of $5 as a way of increasing the reading activity of the 4th graders. They are asking for $140 in Target gift cards. Hillary Miller made a motion to support this. Marcy Brown second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Flowers also asked for financial help with the spelling and geography bees to purchase trophies. Hillary Miller made motion to support the fourth grade teachers financially not to exceed more than the amount spent last year. Marcy Brown second. Motion carried.

Sept/Oct Events:

- Market Day 9/15: Betsy was not able to update today, but wanted to remind everyone of the MD pick up. The cookie sale kick off is November 5th. Pick up is December 17th. All market day orders are coming prepackaged now. So because of that, she is moving the pick-up time to 6-7pm.
- Book Fair: in October, we need volunteers to help with the Book Fair. Tyna Fox Schmelzer is the chair of the book fair. The theme for the spring fair is Lego. Tyna is going to try to come up with some ideas to go along with this theme. Oct. 13-17 is book fair. There is a stipulation from Scholastic that we spend $1100 before the first of October. Brad Bell recommended that we

give the library the money up front, this includes birthday books. Hillary Miller made a motion to give the library $1100 for books. Dawn Rice second. Motion carried.

- Donuts with Dads: October 15 is the Donuts with Dads. We need a chair person for this. It involves picking up milk, juice and picking up the donuts beforehand; set up the day of and organizing the volunteers. Michelle Lama has volunteered to chair the event. She will also run Muffins with Moms in the spring. Thanks to Michelle!
- The Shed: PTO purchased a shed last year and will be used strictly to store items for the PTO. We are going to be moving everything out there. We haven't gotten a price quote on shelving or what size we want. The hole for the deadbolt is in the wrong place and needs to be re-drilled. Also, PTO need to think about looking into a solar panel for lighting inside.

Positions Needed: We have a lot of forms back from parents that have indicated that they want to volunteer for different events. A number of volunteer forms came back from parents. We will look through them and report back in October what still needs covered.

Yearbook: Keryn Kimball is chairing the creation of the yearbook this year and would like to have someone shadow her for the entire year so that she can show the next person how to do it. Please indicate any interest to any of the executive board members or to Keryn Kimball.

Vouchers: Last year PTO had spoken about giving out vouchers for helping out with PTO events. The Key Club has sent many volunteers to the various events. It was considered giving volunteers a voucher. For example, book fair vouchers to parents who volunteer and help. Or purchases that are supported by PTO. We need to have a small group together to hash out the details. Jill Squires, Michelle Cooperider, Christina Venrick and Karen May will meet to come up with a proposal for some sort of voucher system.

Open Discussion:

For movie night, Christina Venrick would like to be out of the building by 8pm. October 16th would be a tentative first movie night. Throughout the year, we want to have a girl's night and boy's night in addition to the last one being pirate themed.

Mrs. Barr is taking over the recycling program from Keryn Kimball. She will be reporting throughout the year.

Fall Clothing sale has been in the works. Tara Eichhorn and Jill Squires have been working on this. Stay tuned as we are waiting for a proof on the art work.

The Lexia program is a reading program designed for students with special needs. Mr. Osborne would like to use this program for his classes in addition to other students who may need extra help in reading. For the Lexia funds have been partially financed by an anonymous donor, $1100. Dawn Rice will find out how much is needed to finish financing it and ask for PTO to fund the rest. Hillary Miller made a motion to fund the remainder of the Lexia program up to $1100. Marcy Brown second. Motion carried.

The September SOAR award winners were reviewed. The kids do not know as of yet, so please don't share. We would like to give the winners a gift certificates immediately, from Raising Canes. We will

hope to have that finalized by the next meeting. SOAR awards were explained and how they are chosen. It goes along with the PBIS program. It is a program set up in an attempt to add the character building back into the school atmosphere in addition to academics.

The water fountain was broken this summer. Parts and repair has not been easily secured to replace or repair it. It remains broken.

The teacher who won the $15 gift card is Mrs. Venrick. She was present to request the type of gift card. She will be getting her card from Hobby Lobby.

Ajournment: Motioned by Hillary Miller. Seconded by Karen May.