

Bremen Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015

Attendance: Jill Squires, Hillary Miller, Dawn Rice, Michelle Lama, Brad Bell, Amanda Barr, Tara Eichhorn, Pete Galella, Betsy Foltz, Jennie Anderson, Jacien Squires

Call to Order: Brad Bell at 4:34pm

Reports

- Secretary Report – Jill Squires provided a copy of the draft minutes for January to everyone present. All of the other past meeting minutes for this school year have been updated on the PTO website which can be found through the district website. After approval tonight, the January minutes will be sent to Scott Philabaum for website publishing. Motion to approve the minutes made by Tara Eichhorn. Seconded by Brad Bell. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report – Jacien Squires provided a copy of the most recent financial reports. This included all expenditures and revenues as well as the total amounts in the checking and savings accounts. Motion to approve the minutes made by Dawn Rice. Seconded by Pete Galella. Motion carried.
- Principal's Report – With Kindergarten being on half days, the late start days, however; the kids would still attend and it would be limited. With the governor's proposed budget, our school district stands to lose quite a bit of money. This would be a really good time to contact our state senators. Senator Troy Balderson is our state representative. Please contact his office if you would like to have input.
- Classroom Representative's Report – Amanda Barr made a request for 3 recycling t-shirts for the winners of the recycling design contest. Hillary Miller made a motion, Tara Eichhorn seconded. Motion carried. Brad Bell will order the three shirts.

Open Items:

- Movie Night – There were several surveys returned. The overall concern was the children running around in the gym and being loud. After the lights were turned off, the children finally went back to their parents. The next one that is coming up will include a disclaimer asking for parents to please supervise their children. More volunteers are needed for movie night. Profit for Movie night at \$162.68. The janitor did not have to be paid.
- The Shed's Shelves – they are ordered, sizes have been confirmed. Tom and Rex will assemble in hopes of freeing up the space in the other closet.
- Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dances – 135 attended mother/son. 205 attended the father/daughter. We had 2 people use the Bremen bucks coupons. Profit of \$178 that Hillary would like to earmark for next year's dance. The janitors volunteered their time for the events. Event for next year is booked for February 5 and 6 of 2016. Hillary will have the key club members join in to help next year. Motion by Hillary Miller. Betsy Foltz seconded. Motion carried.
- SOAR Awards – more SOAR shirts are needed. Jennie Anderson made a motion to purchase. Brad Bell seconded. Motion carried. Tara Eichhorn will order and purchase the shirts.

New Items:

- March Book Fair – Tyna Fox-Schmelzer hasn't contacted Brad about a helper to shadow her. There has been no interest. Tara will send out an email blast as well as a post on Facebook.

- Muffins with Moms – This will be the same week as the book fair. Brad and Tara will be taking care of it. The muffins will be purchased through the lunchroom. The order needs to be made very soon so that it will be here in time.
- 1st Grade and 2nd Program – The program are February 26 for 2nd grade and March 26 for 1st grade. The times are 6-7pm. Tara will cover this.
- Teacher Appreciation Week – we need to start planning for this week. We could possibly have a massage therapist to come in for chair massages. The teachers appreciate the week long “gifts” brought in by the children. It will be the first week of May. Jill will check on getting a massage therapist. The PTO will provide lunch one day and the kids can bring things in the other three days. Jill will work on putting that together for May.
- PTO One Drive/Sharepoint – PTO executive is starting to upload all of the reports, fliers, information to the Sharepoint so that each generation of PTO members know what was done in the past and could be downloaded.
- Officer Nominations – Brad asked that everyone please be thinking about officer nominations for next year for all four positions.

Open Discussion:

- Monthly Raffle Drawing – Winner is Mrs. Ruff. Dawn will go to Lisa and see what she wants from the vault.
- Got a request for deodorant for the girls of the third grade class. Apparently the ones that came in were all for boys. In past meetings we already motioned to purchase deodorant for the entire class, so that just needs to be purchased.
- The athletic boosters would like our support to their fundraiser. There are no specifics on what the money will be used for. Jill asked whether or not the athletic boosters directly support the students at Bremen because the mission of the Bremen PTO is to support the students, faculty and staff here. There was no clear indication that the athletic boosters do support the students, faculty and staff at Bremen.
- Spring t-shirt contest. Tara asked if we wanted to continue with this. There were 2 shirt design winners last year. Amanda organized it last year and it seemed to go really well. We will do it again. It will be a pirate themed event this year. It is being done in conjunction with right to read week. Tara and Amanda will have a timeline for events at next month’s meeting.

Adjournment: Brad Bell at 5:21