

Burning Tree PTA Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Dorene Rosenthal. The October 3, 2006 Minutes were approved.

President's Report: Dorene Rosenthal reported on the Cluster Meeting she attended yesterday. There is a letter being circulated about the calendar for next year. The Cluster Representative would like to send this letter to the Members of the Board of Education. A Motion was made to support the letter. The Motion passed, and we will support the letter. People can sign up for the Grading and Reporting Chat Room web site. There was a fire last night, and some Farmland Elementary School families were affected. They could use donations. The PTA supplies are in the downstairs closet. We need to find some place to store the show boards for the Science Fair. Middle School Reform comments can be submitted until December 7, 2006. The Middle School Report is online.

Principal's Report: The gymnasium is in progress. Mrs. Granof is taking one slide a week detailing the construction history. Henley Construction is doing a speedy and well organized job. They have agreed to work with the first graders on a construction project. The staff is going to do a lot of training this year. The training will be on inclusion, differentiation, writing, character, and technology. They are getting a lot of training here at the school and out. Many on the staff are getting married and having babies. Ms. Israel will be leaving after winter break. Students took a climate survey a week ago. This was an online survey for students in grades 2 through 5. Kindergarten and 1st graders took it by pencil. The staff looked at the results yesterday. The SGA will work with the results from the survey. Montgomery County's survey is normally for grades 3 through 5. The Professional Learning Community Institute is continuing to meet. It was decided that the Science Fair could be refined. Some staff members met with the Science Fair organizers to discuss the Science Fair. She thanked everyone for a lovely Book Fair.

Staff Report: Mrs. Granof thanked the volunteers for the Book Fair and all of the books that were donated. The Science Fair was discussed. Mrs. Papaioannou and Mrs. Anthony will be organizing the Science Fair, which is January 31st. January 25th will be the lunch with the scientist. Mrs. Granof offered to help make the Science Fair more student oriented. Classes are doing more science. They have come up with a plan to have the teachers follow up with the children about their Science Fair projects. They will discuss various ideas for the Science Fair with the students. The staff can be more involved by helping children to ask questions and emphasize the importance of the process with the children. Children should keep records of what they are doing.

Vice Presidents' Reports: Fundraising: Laura Weiss reported that \$420 was made at Dine Out Night. There is another Dine Out Night in January at Parkers. Sally Foster will come in at Budget (\$7500). She thanked the Book Fair organizers for the Book Fair, which has done very well. Major planning meeting is tomorrow night for the Adult Fundraiser. She is looking for a couple of volunteers to help organize art projects for the Kindergarten and First Grades. Volunteers: Brenda Conroy reported that we are struggling for volunteers. She thanked the Gardening Team for their work. She thanked the Staff Appreciation organizers for the luncheon. She thanked Jay Kaufman for the directory. Wynne Sitrin reported that all of the Adopt-An-Angel children have been assigned to a family.

MCCPTA Report: Lisa Davenport reported on the Resolution Regarding Improving Security Conditions at Local Schools. There was a Motion to have Lisa vote in favor of this Resolution. The Motion was approved. Lisa also handed out the MCCPTA FY 2008 Operating Budget Compact.

Treasurer's Report: Dorene reported for Michael Chelst that the Budget is on target. All fundraisers have been doing well. We made Book Fair target as of Sunday afternoon.

No new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lenkin, Recording Secretary