

PTA Meeting – June 2, 2009 at 7 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Sanfuentes. The May 5, 2009 minutes were approved.

President's Report (Lisa S.) – Thank you to the 2008-2009 Board of Directors for going above and beyond the call of duty. Everyone did a great job. Change in the 2009-2010 Board of Directors: our Treasurer Pam Janssen is moving out of the school district. We are nominating Laura Weiss who will make an excellent replacement. At the Hail and Farewell Dinner, we'll recognize the staff that is leaving: Ms. Hurowitz (thank you to Dorene Rosenthal and Mrs. Granof for making the scrap book); Mrs. Drake (we are giving her a framed watercolor of BTES); Mr. Wells, Tammy Toro, Dana Cook. Thank you to Mrs. Payne and Mary Zambri and the people who helped them for a wonderful Art Show. Thank you to Ms. Loftus for Field Day. We need parent volunteers to supervise the kids when the teachers are packing up their classrooms in anticipation of moving. **President-Elect's Report (Cindy C.)** - Cami Fawzy will change our website to increase usage and we need your input too. Whenever you send anything out on BTNET or the Update, please put it on our website too. New rules for parties: we cannot put up decorations (nothing can hang from ceilings) because of security issues. We can have balloons, but they must be brought in day of party. Table cloths and door hangers are OK. **Treasurer's Report (Lisa N.)** – we have \$69,000 in the bank, but the numbers are still not final. Monies are going out for wish list items and coming in from the plant sale. We need to have \$20,000 for start-up costs for 2009-2010 school year. Fill Our Pond was wildly successful: we budgeted \$20,000 and raised \$32,000. In next year's proposed budget, Greenraising replaces Sally Foster; student activities fees are up because we can no longer ask for classroom activities fee (Time for Kids and Worldly Wise are covered still) and the PTA is stepping in to cover the difference; Teacher Appreciation is now under Community Liaison. **Wish List and Proposed Budget passes.** The Wish List includes 1) technology costs of \$38,885 (not including costs of carts) for upgrades such as promethean boards, LCD projectors and ELMOs. 2) \$700 for 1st grade listening centers; 3) \$2,000 for teacher relocation; 3) painting school interiors such as hallways. Mr. Tark to look into whether we're due to renovate the back playground; paper cutters are done. We've spent the monies to convert all the chalkboards to white boards; dollars for assessment tools, science equipment and books will be spent. **Community Based (Vicki H.)**- we sent 1,500 lbs. of food to Capital Area Food Bank and we got a wonderful letter from them. Martha's Table was a great success too. July 9th is Big Train Baseball at Cabin John Park. Our kids can sing the National Anthem and at the end of the game, our kids can run the bases. The park can seat 1,200 and we get a percentage of what they make that evening. Charge is \$3 for kids and \$7 for adults. We've given our last check of the year to Broad Acres. **Beth M.** – we are starting Drive for Supplies and everything we collect in the boxes will go to Broad Acres. We will get Pyle/Whitman students to help us sort the supplies. **Fundraising (Julie G.)** – we have co-chair openings: Fill Our Pond (Cristina Arumi is a co-chair), Spring Fair (Tami Chambers will help again). **School Based (Patti K.)** - co-chair openings: after-school programs (with Joan Wolf), Back to School Picnic (with Robin Gonzales), Creative Writing Club (Mrs. Flicker), Cultural Arts, Ribbit Report (we need a teacher and parent), FLES for French. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Erdrich)**- Jose C. our evening supervisor is leaving. In 2nd grade accelerated math, our kids were doing 3rd grade with 4th grade extensions and have done very well. We may move some 3rd graders into 4th grade math next year and make the same change for our 4th and 5th graders who are ready. Thank you for the wonderful tote bags.

Respectfully submitted
Surya M. Shah, Recording Secretary

Attendees at the meeting:

Nancy Erdrich, Aaron Tark, Helene Granoff
Lisa Sanfuentes
Cindy Campbell
Sharon Tompkins
Delia Tetelman
Beth Martino
Ellie Abramowitz

Surya Shah
Laura Weiss
Lisa Segert
Olivia Lai
Lisa Norwalk
Julie Garcia

Katerina Papaioannou
Dorene Rosenthal
Kristen Pruitt
Elissa Ginsky
Patti Klepp
Vicki Herson