

**Barton Hills Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting
May 12, 2008**

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Review Minutes of Previous Meeting – Mila McCutchen

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Mila McCutchen. *Attendees: Celia Hagert, Kelly Tagle, Catherine Dadey, Lynn Williamson, Tonya Cook, Priscilla Hubenak, Sarah Price, Eleanour Quinn, Lita Rosario, Lisa Myers, Tina Weaver, Mila McCutchen, DeAnn Eisenhauer, Kati Achtermann, Jamie Kaderli, Jayme Moore*

II. Secretary Notes

Reviewed minutes from April 14th, 2008. Sarah Price motioned, and Celia Hagert seconded. Minutes approved as is.

III. Lego Challenge Update

Eleanor Quinn reported on the details of the Lego Challenge. It is a competitive challenge. One team of 10 9-14 year olds can compete in the district-wide competition. The competition involves building with legos and robotics to solve a challenge. All teams receive the same challenge which they work on in Sept. and Nov. Next year's challenge is climate change. The project must have an available space and 9X6 ft. table on which to keep the project as it is worked on. The team will present the completed project and presentation at the competition in Nov. There is also a non-competitive version for younger kids. The kit costs are: \$300 each for younger kids and \$700 each for older kids. It was discussed to set aside \$1000 in next year's budget. A new kit must be purchased each year to accommodate the new challenge. The team will need an engineer to help them, and space to store the project. It was discussed that this could be an experimental year. It will also require parent involvement and commitment because the team will meet two times a week. Possibly a UT engineering student could be found to coach them. Mila recommended the discussion be tabled until review of the responses from Eleanor's interest survey.

IV. Treasurer's Report

DeAnn Eisenhauer reviewed the 2008-2009 budget. The \$1000 for the Lego Challenge would be added to carnival. \$7,250 is carried over from this year's budget because of salary refund for years of over-paying the computer lab instructor and \$500 carry-over from Dillo Award to be given to PE. Also noted that the Nick Avery Award needs to be presented at the General Assembly meeting on May 29. The budget will be revised in the future, sometime after carnival. Mila asked for the first motion to accept the budget as is. Catherine Dadey moved and Sarah Price seconded. Budget was approved. Noted that the budget must be posted for 10 days before general

assembly for approval. Then discussed the current budget. Have \$14-\$15 thousand to spend before June 1. This money will be spent. There is more money than projected when budget was last amended in January. This led to a discussion of Soarin' Eagle and ways to revamp the fundraiser. Mila advised Tina to put together a committee to reorganize Soarin' Eagle over the summer holiday.

V. Principal's Report

Kati Achtermann presented a card to Mila McCutchen as a thank you from everyone for Mila's outstanding work as this year's PTA president. She then invited everyone to the Thank You Volunteer Luncheon on 5/16 from 11-1. She reported on the amazing success of Track and Field Day and reminded us that there are only 3.5 weeks of school left of this great year. Marty Webb accepted a full time tech position at Pickle Elem. so a posting for the position for part-time computer tech. position is posted. Kati then reviewed some information concerning the technology bond passed in the last election. BHE will receive approximately \$38,000 a year over the next 4 years. The targeted uses for this money include: presentation systems for classrooms, classroom comp. refreshes, printers, updating teacher laptops, and a new web-based gradebook system. District wide money will be used for: student management system and increased capacity for saving information on the district server. Mila commented that the PTA has \$12,000 in budget for technology that is still an important part of our budget in order to fill out the campus' technology needs. Kati reminded everyone that she is accepting donations for the anthology until 5/16.

VI. New Board Member Introductions

Tina Weaver – President: She has a 2nd grader and incoming Kindergartener.
Priscilla Hubenak – Parliamentarian: She works for the state.
Tonya Cook – Grocery Card Distr. & Soarin' Eagle: She has a Kindergartener.
Jayme Moore – Secretary: She has a 1st grader.
Sarah Price will now take care of guest/volunteer computer in front office.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.