

Barton Hills Elementary
PTA Executive Board Meeting
May 12, 2009

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Review Minutes of Previous Meeting. Tina Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 pm by Tina Weaver.
Attendees: Amy Moore, Becky Pursley, Sarah Price, Morgan Dalley, Kati Achtermann, DeAnn Eisenhauer, Tina Weaver, Tonya Cook, Jennifer Scariano, Priscilla Hubenak, Catherine Dadey, Mila McCutchen, Melissa Saucedo, Deborah Sterzing, and Veronica Gonzalez.

2. Secretary Notes

Minutes reviewed from April 14, 2009. Melissa Saucedo motioned to approve the minutes and Sarah Price seconded. Corrections made on #3 Nominating Committee: Sharon Peurrung represented the Nominating Committee and presented the nominees for next year's PTA officers; #4 Sharon Eaton was misspelled, correct spelling is Shannon Eaton; #5 Odyssey of the Mind Update: \$13,000 is the total, the organization is trying to raise \$9,000 through the PTA for the team and 1 coach to attend. Kati Achtermann suggested that under Scholarship which leaves it open for other teams or other groups.

3. Special Message from PTA President

Tina Weaver would like to thank everyone for serving as our PTA Executive Board this past year. This has been an excellent Team to work with and she has enjoyed the meetings and discussions. The team has pulled together and worked really hard to make this a very successful year.

Introduction of New Officers:

New Vice President: Melissa Saucedo

New Treasurer: Amy Moore

Thanks to DeAnn Eisenhauer and Celia Hagert for their service these past two years.

4. Scholarship Committee: Jennifer Scariano

Jennifer Scariano gave a report that there were 4 applicants for this year's scholarship. Iman Barahue was chosen to receive the scholarship. She is an athlete, involved with community work, speaks two languages, has traveled to her family's country- Algeria, attends LASA Magnet School. She will be receiving a \$500 scholarship.

5. Silent Auction Chair: Morgan Dalley

Morgan Dalley presented a plan of work for the upcoming Silent Auction. An organized flow chart was reviewed. She proposes to keep the gift baskets. She would like to have a gift basket buyer; one person to purchase the contents for the baskets.

She also suggested having a quilting project. Each student will have a square they will design. It involves student participation. Details for each position to follow. Mila McCutchen questioned why have one person to purchase items. There needs to be quality control. Morgan stated that the budget for Silent Auction is \$700.00. We could ask each student to donate \$2.00. Sarah Price expressed concern that there is a possibility that we won't be able to get the monetary donations that are needed. Items are usually donated more often.

Morgan suggested having one gift basket per grade level, not per class. DeAnn suggested asking parents to donate money or a service. Give them an option to build up the baskets. Priscilla added that the baskets get too big, filled with valuable items that get hidden.

Melissa asked what the goal is for Silent Auction. \$5,900.00 was made from Silent Auction last year. Tina asked if everyone agrees to have one basket per grade level. Sarah Price feels that revenue won't come in.

The Quilting Project will have one quilt per kinder class and one from sixth grade. This is a good way to test to see how successful it will be. Sarah Price suggested Option I: have one quilt per class, auction items: gift certificates, services, etc. and no baskets.

The budget is under \$200.00 for 4 quilts. Having the quilts will then have no baskets from the Kinder and sixth grade classes.

Deborah Sterzing suggested just having kinder quilts. Have the kinder parents donate money for the quilts. DeAnn suggested asking kinder parents to donate \$5 each for the Quilt Project. Kati

Achtermann added that cash donations will be more work for the Treasurer and it is hard to collect cash from parents.

The auction shopper will use money from the Carnival budget and when parents donate, the Carnival fund will be reimbursed.

Deborah Sterzing estimated that \$500.00 for baskets and \$200.00 for quilts will come out of the Carnival fund.

Historical data is needed to see if a new method will work. \$2,800.00 is the revenue and \$150 per basket.

Mila proposed that we add kinder quilts to the Silent Auction and keep the gift baskets, gift certificates, services, etc. the way it has been done in the past. All present were in favor.

Morgan Dalley will chair the Silent Auction. Marni Francell will be the quilt co-coordinator.

6. Treasurer's Report

DeAnn Eisenhauer presented the budget for 2009-2010.

After reviewing the bank charges and services, DeAnn suggested transferring banking services from Wells Fargo Bank which took care of the Grocery Cards, Austin Telco for general banking and Pay Pal for online payments, to Iron Stone Bank. Iron Stone Bank will reduce the threat of theft with the Grocery Card program, Pay Pal has a similar situation, consolidate 3 accounts into one account. The cost will be the same, but it reduces the risk of theft. Tom Glass, head of the Audit Committee has said that this is a good idea.

Iron Stone Bank offers: Courier Service and will waive some fees, offers night deposit and no online processing fees. Mila McCutchen showed concern of their financials. She would like to study their financials. Melissa Saucedo moved to change banks. Deborah Sterzing seconded the motion. Mila McCutchen opposed.

Continuing with the budget: we're looking at purchasing math software for the 4th, 5th, 6th grades, and piloting a Math Buddy program to target the lower grades.

The cost of t-shirts increased. This year was a good deal and they might not be a good price next year.

Lego League: this past year, PTA paid \$653.00.

\$750 goes towards funding a second team for building a table and the cost of a new robot. PTA will do the start up cost for Lego League.

Principal Wish List was reduced from \$3,000 to \$ 2,264.

Cultural Arts decreased this year. There were private donations from last year that increased the amount last year.

Accelerated Math- \$4,800 for new Math Software, \$3,889 was carried over. All students will be able to work online at home.

Melissa Saucedo motioned to present the budget to the General Assembly. Sarah Price seconded the motion.

7. Principal's Report

Track and Field Day will be Friday, May 15th. Kinder Round Up was last week and it was a great success. Not many transfers will be accepted this year. There are more neighborhood registrations and siblings.

Barton Hills Elementary PTA did not win the AISD Salute. Gullett Elem. won. Miss Amanda Jaynes, third grade teacher, was a semi-finalist for Teacher of the Year. This Saturday is the UIL Meet for 2nd through 6th grades. Changes for next year: Mr. Gavin Tabone will be Barton Hills new music teacher. He will be working with the Barton Hills choir and the choir will be performing and ACL in October.

Mr. Utter has accepted a transfer to another school. A new Life Skills teacher has been selected.

Miss Jaynes is leaving. The position hiring has not been complete. 400 resumes were collected at the Job Fair.

Mrs. Atterberry will be returning; she will be the new 4th grade teacher.

Ms. Pegues will not be returning. She is getting married and moving to Oakland, Calif.

8. President's Report

Tina Weaver announced that there are open positions including the need for a new Carnival Chair. Please remember, if you are not returning to your role, contact Tina Weaver as soon as possible. This is the last meeting of the year. Thank you!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.