

**Belle Aire PTA
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2012**

Submitted by Lisa Szostak

I. Call to Order – Welcome at 7:04 pm by Co-Presidents – Kim Kastner and Lynne Roche

II. Principal's Report – Mike Mitchinson

Mr. Mitchinson reported on some important upcoming events - Parent-Teacher conferences 2/1 - 2/2/12. Variety show is 2/3/12. LRC Teddy Bear Family Night is 2/7. 2/14 is Mr. Mitchinson's next Coffee with the Principal 8:30 – 9:00 am. 2/16-2/17 is Author Fest. No school on 2/20. Mr. Mitchinson reminded everyone that on days that are 0 F or below (based on real feel temperature), the children will be inside for recess. OLSAT/Stanford test scores are in and will be going home with report cards on 1/30/12. Mr. Mitchinson shared the good news of some of the grants his staff have received. The Education Foundation of Downers Grove awarded 5 iPads to Mrs. Fulton, 2 iPads to Ms. Howland, 1 iPad to Mrs. Mommsen and 1 Smart Board to Ms. Miller. Additionally, the Kinder Morgan Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to Belle Aire for iPads to be purchased for use throughout Belle Aire.

III. Reports of Officers –

Secretary's Report – Lisa Szostak

Minutes from the December 5, 2011 meeting were presented. Kristy Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Monk

Eric reviewed the latest Treasurer's Report, which was handed out at the meeting.

President's Report – Kim Kastner and Lynne Roche

Donations received from Skuddlebutt's were \$29.62. Spice Merchants donated \$10.20. Reviewing other restaurants for future funding options. We received the company matching contribution of \$500.00 from Bank of America. Science Fair pictures will be in the Trib Local. A Raging Waves Water Park promotion will be coming out in March for kids to participate in by doing exercises. Wendy Cassens will coordinate it.

IV. Reports of Committees -

Technology Committee – Kristy Murphy

Kristy and Mr. Mitchinson clarified how the various iPads recently awarded through grants were going to be deployed. The iPads from the Education Foundation are classroom specific equipment, whereas the Kinder Morgan Foundation awarded iPads will be available for use throughout the school. Having the various iPads being used with the Apple TVs is the best use of the equipment. Some of the specialty rooms don't have Apple TV yet, like the LRC, Special Ed and the Reading Room. The committee is still considering doing a technology night for parents so they can see how the equipment can be used. Mr. Mitchinson said that the District has a lot of different initiatives for the teachers to focus on, so it may be best to let the staff get used to the equipment they have and how to integrate it with their teaching before pursuing further equipment options. They are also looking at security and charging stations for the iPads.

Yearbook – Kristy Murphy

LifeTouch will be at Belle Aire on 1/30 to do group shots including the choir, band, orchestra, Student Council, Science Fair participants and classroom photos. They may try to do an all school photo. The committee is considering doing another yearbook sale in February for those that missed the first sign-up.

School Store – Gena Polihronidis

Gena has been looking at the budget amount of \$1,200 in income and \$1,000 in expenses and comparing that to actual activity. She has averaged \$226 in sales per month so far. School store generally tries to break close to even. Gena made a motion to raise the school store budget income line to \$1,500 and budget expense line to \$1,300 to purchase additional supplies for the remainder of the school year, with a like increase in sales. The motion was seconded and passed.

Six Flags Read to Succeed – Lynne Roche for Patty McGuire

Reminded everyone about the program to read to earn a Six Flags ticket. Forms are due 1/31/12.

Box Tops – Kim Kastner for Julie Lerch

We are half-way to our goal. Have until 2/17/12 to turn in additional box tops.

Author's Fest – Kim Kastner

Authors will be at Belle Aire on 2/16-2/17/12. An author will be at Anderson's for a book signing.

Variety Show – Lynne Roche for Molly Maci

The first practice was today. There are 39 acts. The new assigned rehearsal time worked really well and went quickly. Next week's rehearsals should be done much earlier. Program ads are due 1/24/12. Dress rehearsal and the show are Friday, 2/3/12. Grandparents can attend the dress rehearsal. Costume changes will be done right after lunch.

Environmental – Lynne Roche for Kristi Kattapong and Michele Carter

Trash for cash has been successful. They are trying to meet with other DG 58 school environmental committees to share ideas. Earth Week is coming up.

V. New Business -

Nominating Committee – Need 3 members and 2 alternates to serve on the committee. Looking for nominations to fill the offices of Treasurer, 1st Vice President in charge of Fundraising and 2nd Vice President in charge of Committees. The Nominating Committee needs to be formed within 30 days. Their nominations will be posted for 30 days and then a vote will be taken. A solicitation will go out asking for people to serve on the Nominating Committee.

VI. Announcements –

1/27 Taco Hot Lunch, except 4th grade will be 1/26 because of their field trip
2/7 LRC Family Night
2/10 Pizza Hot Lunch
2/16 School Store
2/17 Box tops are due
2/27 next PTA meeting at 9:00 am

Thank you to Trisha Campbell for running the Holiday Shop.

Other –

More information will be coming out after the Variety Show on the ongoing brick paver fundraiser. Looking at donating a brick in honor of Ms. Howat's retirement at the end of the year.

Eric reminded everyone to turn in receipts as soon as you have them.

VII. Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm.