

**Belle Aire PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2011**
Submitted by Holly Ryden

I. Call to Order -Welcome at 3:00 pm by President – Lynne Roche

II. Principal's Report- Mike Mitchinson

There is no school on November 3rd and November 11th. Sign-up for parent/teacher conferences for February will be done at the upcoming conferences in the art/music room. Coffee with the principal went well and thanked all the parents who attended. Next one will be on Tuesday, Dec 13th.

III. Report of Officers-

Secretary's report – Holly Ryden

Minutes from the September 12, 2011 minutes were amended. Eric Monk needed to amend the first line in his treasury report. In the minutes it stated that "There is a \$0.00 balance at the end of the school year" and it should have stated "There is a \$10,214.61 balance at the end of the school year". Kristy Murphy made a motion to approve and the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report-Eric Monk

Eric talked about The Bull Dog Shuffle Fundraiser and how successful it was. Here is the breakdown:

- Our final tally is \$19,612.95. This is 98% of our goal. Great Job!!!

-\$3,637.00 was raised from the Silent Auction. \$570 came from company matching. \$1,156.95 was contributed through PayPal.

- 184 out of 268 student's participated or 69% of the student body.

- The per Student contribution for money collected in school is \$83.73.

- The per student contribution for all money collected (includes matching and Silent Auction) is \$106.59.

- The per Student contribution for all money collected across all students is \$73.18

Where does our PTA Fundraising money go? 30% Support Activities, 3% Operating Costs, 9% General Activities, and 58% Student Activities. The pie chart is posted on the PTA website.

Lynne Roche introduced Scott Meech (New District Director of Technology) Scott will be talking later about technology at Belle Aire

Vice President's Report-Committee Chairs- Molly Maci

Molly reported that they are still looking for a Garden Club chairperson and a Website chairperson. If anyone is interested, please contact Molly. A list of all the PTA committees can be found on the website.

Vice President's Report-Fundraiser-Kim Kastner/Lynne Roche for Karen Christensen

This years' Belle Air Bulldog Shuffle was a huge success. We are considering doing it again in the future since it was so successful and the kids loved it. Ms. Cosantino's 3rd grade class brought in the most money. Mr. Linko's 4th grade class won the "naming of the Bulldog contest" and the new name is "Spike". Thank you teachers and staff for your time and contribution.

Buona Beef Benefit day- Buona Beef day was on Thursday, October 20, 2011 and the total sales were \$1100 and Belle Aire received \$295.75. Thank you everyone for eating at Buona Beef and helping our school. Thank you Sharon Phillips for organizing this event.

Future Restaurant Benefit days- Tara Fulton brought up maybe doing a McDonalds benefit day. Also, every student and staff will get a Skuddlebutts card (the ones you put on your keychain) and every time you order, present your card and the school will get 10%.

Membership-Kerry Finley

Distributed the new directories with the membership cards. Currently have 273 parent members and about half the staff. Carla Cosantino won the \$50 visa card for the staff drawing.

President's Report-Kim Kastner and Lynne Roche

- Thank you Karen Christenson and her fundraising committee for doing a great job on the "Bulldog Shuffle". Going to start planning in the spring for next year.
- Buona Beef Benefit Day- Thank you Sharon Phillips for organizing.
- School Store- Thank you Gina Polihronidis. The kids love it!
- Taco Lunch- Thank you Cynthia Petro and April Marron
- Spritwear- Thank you Marla Pullen and Cynthia Petro
- School Directories- They look great! Thank you Ruth Carbon and Eric Monk
- Assembly- Thank you Vicki Goedert and Beth Fotos for planning the "Katie Quick" Assembly. The kids loved it! Next assembly will be on Poetry on November 7th.

IV. Committee Reports-

Technology Committee-Kristy Murphy/Scott Meech (New Technology Director for District)

The technology committee which is about 13 members came out with a survey for the teachers to fill out. The survey consisted of ranking in order of preference 1-5 what they would like the most. (Smart board, iPads, iTouches, Digital Cameras, or Additional Laptops). Then the committee used topbox scores to see what teachers needed most. Kristy then shared the results with us and iPads were the most sought out piece of equipment. Kristy then spoke with Scott Meech and he talked about using iPad2's with an Apple TV which acts like a Smartboard. They also went to Longfellow school and Scott showed Kristy and others a demo of how it would work in a classroom. They loved it.

Based on the teacher's survey, the committee came up with the following proposal for 2011-2012:

Summary:

- iPad2's along with Apple TV technology are the best investment for the following reasons:
- iPad's had the lowest score (low means they want it the most)
- iPad's had the most top box scores (#1 and #2 rankings)
- Most teachers listed the iPad in their top 3 choices
- Apple TV is a new technology that allows the iPad2 to be used similar to a Smart Board
- Utilizing this technology would allow us to work in conjunction with the District's plan

Short -Term Goal -implemented immediately

Purchase 11 Apple TV's (1 for each classroom), 11 converters and 7 iPad 2 (1 for each grade to share). The total cost would be \$5040. We have \$5000 in our PTA budget to purchase soon

Long -Term Goal

Purchase remaining iPad2's so that each classroom has their own (11 classrooms, LRC, Reading, Special Ed, Art/Music) Total of 15 needed. The cost would be around \$5,185.

Staff Development will be managed by the District.

Scott Meech thinks this is the way to go for Belle Aire. He brought an Apple TV and discussed how it would work with an iPad 2 and how it acts like a Smartboard. Scott also mentioned that the district will not come in and take away this equipment and give to another school. He reassured us over and over.

Scott will be joining Belle Aire PTA at an Open House for Technology sometime in November. He will demonstrate the Apple TV with the iPad 2 and how it would work in the classroom to the parents of Belle Aire School.

A technology fundraiser may be planned in the future.

Yearbook- Kristy Murphy

Kristy is working with Lifetouch to do a yearbook for the whole school. It will be about 52 pages and around \$20 per book. She has designated a parent for each class that will be in charge of gathering photos. There would be a special section for 6th graders since it would be their last year at Belle Aire. Sixth graders are designing the cover. Eric Monk wanted to add an income/expense line to the budget line for the PTA to cover the shipping costs of the yearbooks. Kristy Murphy made a motion to add an income and expense line to the budget in the amount of \$3,020 to cover the yearbooks. Motion was seconded and approved.

Communications- Kim Kastner/Lynne Roche

Sandi Boll has volunteered to the Belle Aire Newsletter. She will be doing a survey to all the parents to see what is the best way to communicate between them and the school.

Variety Show-Molly Maci/Lynne Roche

Looking at different venues for the variety show. It will not be at Belle Aire. Looking possibly at Herrick Middle School. It will probably be sometime in April. More details to come.....

Math Club-Lisa Szostak

Lisa shared the math club statistics. Belle Aire took the lead again this year. Great job Lisa!

Reflections- Lynne Roche for Stacey Dalen

Reflection projects due October 28th

V. New Business –

Tricia Miller- “Honoring Our Heroes”

Mrs. Miller showed some examples of the “Honoring our Heroes” that will be displayed in the front hall. She was very pleased of the great turnout from the students. This is a very special tribute to all our veterans! Thanks Mrs. Miller for doing a great job!

VI. Announcements-

- Oct. 25th-LRC Night “Starlab” - Had an overwhelming response. In future talked about maybe doing two nights so every family will get to go and see a demonstration of “Starlab”. Thank you Joan Mommsen
- Oct. 28th-Taco Hot Lunch
- Oct. 31st-Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties
- Nov. 1st-4th-Halloween Candy Collection
- Nov. 10th- Health and Wellness Advisory Committee will be meeting at 1:30. Anyone is welcome. This committee is looking into other options for treats for our Holiday and Valentine’s Day parties. Instead of having a treat during the party, looking into having it during lunch. Maybe a healthier treat or different option.
- Nov. 15h- Breakfast with books and LRC Night “Reading with the Dogs”
- Dec. 1st-Holiday Tea

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:15