

Belle Aire PTA

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

Submitted by Joan Cesario

1. Call to Order/Welcome at 3:00pm by Kristy Murphy, Ruth Carbon
Co-presidents elect Mike Heinz and Kim Kastner were introduced. Thank you to Ruth and Kristy for your service these last two years and help transitioning.
2. Treasurer's Report Eric Monk
Financial report presented. Please note technology spending recorded in April, and increase to Environmental budget per last month's vote.
3. Secretary's Report Joan Cesario Minutes presented and accepted. (Ellen Paul)
4. Environmental Committee Kristi Kattapong
Thank you for the increased budget which was used to buy prizes for the Earth week contest.
Book Exchange - Belle Aire provided 113 early childhood books to SCARCE in exchange for older children's books.
Also received books from Herrick families for the 5th and 6th grade. Volunteers needed for set up and the exchange.
Tools for Schools - School supplies may be donated again at the end of the year. Collection in the front hallway.
Trash for Cash - Collection will continue throughout the summer.
Recycling at school picnic - will work with picnic committee to set up recycle bins.
5. No TV Week Kristy for Lynne
Request for an additional \$40 to pay for prize and pizza party to the winning classroom. Motion approved (Ruth Carbon/Joan Cesario)
Ms. O's classroom was the winner this year with the most participation. Great job to all the students who participated.
6. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Vicki McGrath
With apologies, there will not be a luncheon this year due to space conflicts within the school. We hope all will come to an appreciation celebration after school on Tuesday. Appetizers will be served. Thank you to the Fotos family for their contribution of food.
Child care available in the music room.
7. Art Awareness Vicki McGrath
Great job on the recycled art project. It looks great. Artwork will be on display until next week. Two winners per class will be awarded with ribbons and a certificate.
8. Year End Picnic Kerry Finley / Ellen Paul
Picnic will take place on June 8th from 12:00-2:15. The theme this year is "Minute to Win It". There will be three games per grade, and also school-wide activities such as tug - a - war. The alternate location if it rains will be the gym. Guidelines this year include: please no water games or hair paint. Face painting is allowed from limited picture choices.
Kindergarten will all come at noon. Watch for more information about class color coordination. Thank you Ellen and Kerry.
9. Summer Math Club Lisa Szostak
The program is rolling, watch for math folders and a flyer with turn-in dates to come home with the students.
Thank you Lisa for this program, the kids love it.
10. Other Business
 - A. A suggestion was made to look into additional storage ideas within Belle Aire for PTA supplies and equipment (punch bowl, garden materials, decorations, etc.)
 - B. Teacher Appreciation Feedback - Kristy Murphy
Teachers thanked the PTA for appreciation week. This year, lunches were brought in, the teacher lunchroom decorated, and prizes for the teachers were given out including sports tickets and jewelry. A special thank you to the PTA for getting the children involved.
 - C. A reminder made to teachers to use discretionary funds for the classroom if haven't done so already.
 - D. District 58 Foundation Grants - Applications are due in the fall for grants. PTA would like to assist in any way possible to help Belle Aire be considered for support.
 - E. A big thank you to Kristy and Ruth!

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.