

***Belle Valley Parent-Teacher Organization Minutes***

October 12, 2011 at 7pm

Belle Valley North gym

1. Call to Order: meeting began at 7:04pm.
2. Additions to Agenda: Addition to request for purchasing listed under viii.
3. Approval of Minutes: Approved by Andrea Kunz and second by Jason Brown.
4. Introductions and Review: nothing noted.
5. Officer Reports
  - 5.1. President Thomas Bruce
    - a) Purchasing Requests
      - i. \$2500 requested by Athletic Director Brandon Musso; half (\$1250 from PTO (30 chairs for \$75ea; chair will have logo "BV Bombers" on back; players currently use bleachers) **-Motion for half (\$625) 6 in favor; none opposed; 1 abstaining \*MOTION DENIED\***
      - ii. Character Education Program at South is asking for \$1000 ("character cash" used for activities and prizes based on good behavior) **-Motion for all (\$1000) -motion then retracted; motion for 1/4 (\$250) \*MOTION PASSED\***
      - iii. Character Education Program at North is asking for \$750 ("bomber bucks"- has picture of person who gave it to them; given for good behavior and used for quarterly pizza parties w/teacher and prizes) *-last year half was given by PTO*  
**\*Motion taken off board by Principal Goetter\***
      - iv. \$4000 for bus transportation for North field trips
      - v. \$4000 for bus transportation for South field trips (\$250/day per bus for 1 fieldtrip/1 class) -this year parents are being asked to drive as well to limit cost **-Motion for \$1000 each school \*MOTION PASSED\***
      - vi. \$75 for chains for Read and Run Marathon by Pam Kniepkamp/Chad Willard/Yvonne Barker **-Motion taken off board by Principal Goetter**
      - vii. \$299.50+s/h for "Getting Along With Groark Video Series by Neeley Curtis (Social Worker) at North K-4th (program is designed to help kids deal w/anger, conflict, etc.; Mrs Goetter feels there is lots of bullying at North and this will help immensely) **-Motion taken off board by Principal Goetter**
      - viii. NEW: \$150 for Interactive Smartboard material (will be used for students and training sessions for district **-Motion for ALL \*MOTION PASSED\***

- b) Laser Tag Update on changing dates -President Thomas Bruce called facility; times/dates cannot be changed secondary to being closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for these types of events.

5.2. Treasurer Kristy Turner

Balance at end of Sept. 2011 was \$15,458.13. Total income for Sept. was \$392.90. Total Expenses \$870.07. Estimated expenses for rest of year \$11,830.

5.3. Secretary Sharon Bateman

- a) Two thank you cards were read

5.4 North Principal Kathy Goetter

- cookie dough fundraiser North made \$20,620.00/South made \$10,357.00 (schools got 50% of these totals -60% going to North and 40% going to South) *Doing so well on this fundraiser allowed Mrs. Goetter to remove above purchasing requests.*
- Common Core Standards: 45 states have vested into it; kids will be working on same standards for English, Reading, and Math across all states involved
- October 5th, 2011: fire volunteers came to North; kids had a great time
- Book fair at South: response was disappointing; book fair in Spring in the new building hopefully better!
- H2: 4th graders involved; students selected by teachers; assigned to help other teachers.
- Drills: fire/tornado/intruder (lots in last 2 months, some due to smoke alarm tripping; kids did VERY WELL in all drills.
- County Institute: mostly discussed Common Core; special attendance months are Oct/Dec/Mar (kids will get a special treat)
- QUESTION POSED: No child left behind -school can opt out? -NO, has to come from state; switching to Common Core (report cards going to Standard)

5.5 South Principal Tammy Leib - *not in attendance tonight*

6) Committees

6.1. Trunk or Treat -Andrea Kunz

a)October 14th 6-8pm

- going great; 95% of items purchased already; have volunteers already; got Lincoln movie passes donated; \$10 Quizno's/ShopnSave GC for trunk decor winners; group of teachers have reserved spots for trunks (will orange cone spaces for them); 12-13 RSVP spots
- closing gates at 6pm; costume contest (preK-6th) at beginning; trunk or treating after; possibly handing out flier night of w/times of events; also easel at entrance w/time
- winner of costume contest gets 2 Lincoln movie passes; "cool" 2nd/3rd prizes
- bonfire: fire pit (Dr. O providing marshmallows)
- if raining it will be held in gym
- Hot Dogs/ Chips/ Soda/ Hot chocolate will be available for purchase

- 6.2 Santa Kottage- Bonnie Warner *-not in attendance tonight*  
b) December 8th and 9th
- 6.3 Yearbook- Beth Bruce  
-going to meet w/contact for yearbook: Interstate Studio  
-pics look good this year so far
- 6.4 End of the Year Carnival/Picnic -Kevin MCPeek *-not in attendance*
- 7) Guest Speaker-Renshi Tony Harris from 3 Tigers Marital Arts  
-showed video of studio explaining program  
-started 13 yrs ago, 4 locations here and others across US + 1 in South America  
- QUESTION ASKED: Could it be brought to gym classes?  
-yes, need to know goals of principal/school; good at getting kids to listen, good behaviors.  
-Everyday in class character conversations before program begins. They discuss 5 topics: Courage/Discipline/Loyalty/Speech/Honor (3-5 min each).  
-QUESTION ASKED: How are the children divided?  
-Brazilian Juditsu has age groups of 5-7, 8-11 and 12 and up  
-Karate has age groups of 3-5, 5-7 and 8 and up  
-7 and down is 1-2x/wk; 8 and up is 2x/wk  
-Each program has more advanced levels for different areas. There are required readings for higher level class -i.e. Black Belt Program  
-COST: 4wk trial for \$47.00 (current special rate) \*not an inexpensive program\*
- 8) Open Forum  
-Fundraising idea: Working Blues Hockey sporting events  
-parent volunteers would take online test to sell alcohol  
-need to send a schedule to company to organize
- 9) Raffle Drawing  
-PRIZES: Vegetable/Fruit baskets  
-WINNERS: Wealthie Walker and Sabrina Foster
- 10) **Next PTO MEETING: November 9th, 2011**
- 11) Adjournment: meeting ended at 8:42pm