

Blevins PTO Minutes - January, 2011

Community Attendees: Heather Vesgaard, Chris Fernandez, Donna Smith, Gina Zachman, Laura Ryan, Connii Rogers, Laura Knaff

School Faculty: David Linehan, Brad Stone

- A. Minutes-There were not minutes from December 2010 as no formal PTO meeting was held.
- B. Winter Celebration- In lieu of a meeting, there was a winter celebration dinner and Mr. Linehan reported that it was well attended and an enjoyable evening.
- C. Budget- Mr Linehan reported that December activity included a Magazine deposit of \$1244 and a check for \$ 53.00. This brings a new balance of \$3186.00 to the PTO account.
- D. Technology Update – Mr Linehan shared that PTO members had asked him to prepare a report of estimated technology costs based on the needs of the school, so that the group could move forward in preparing a letter requesting donations from the community to assist in covering these expenses. He had prepared a report and shared that with the group at the winter celebration. Jen Buchanon has a letter drafted and taking the lead on moving forward with the mailing. As Jenn was unable to be at this meeting, Heather will follow up with her before the next meeting. We will aim to get the letter out after the community fair; potentially in February.
- E. Community Fair Planning. The Community Fair will be on January 14 from 6-8:30. A PTO work night will take place on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 to get the tickets and prizes prepared. Connii reported that about 60 volunteers are still needed for this event. Mr. Linehan, Gina Zachman and Connii will work together on finding and coordinating the volunteers. Connii reported that in addition to the normal games, there will be face painting at 110.00 for 2 hours, a tattoo booth, and the group decided a popcorn machine as well. Mr Linehan shared that there will be professional Jazz and Blue Grass live music for the majority of the evening. The Blevins Jazz band will play at 6:50 and Connii plans to have the booths all shut down from 6:50-7:00 so that people can go hear them. Laura Knaff will oversee the cake walk again and reported that cakes are still needed. Heather Vesgaard and Mr. Stone will take a trip to SAMS club the week of the fair to purchase pop, water, chips, candy suckers, plates, cookies and whatever else is needed and communicated the them prior to the trip.
- F. Blevins Promotional Video is posted- Mr Linehan showed some of this video and let the group know that it is available for viewing on the Blevins website. In addition, he handed out some copies of information that Blevins is putting out there for potentially interested families, including a “did you Know” facts sheet and a “reasons to attend your neighborhood school sheet”. He also shared some results from the Blevins Satisfaction/Branding Survey reporting that he was happy to receive a high number of responses and that the parents report a high level of satisfaction regarding Blevins in all measured areas.
- G. Excellence in Education Teacher – Mike Foster – 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and science teacher
- H. Next Meeting-February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

