

Blevins PTO Meeting Minutes-October 2011

A. Welcome and Introductions:

- Attendees: Rick Overton, Brad Stone, David Linehan, Heather Vesgaard, Laura Knaff, Jackie Peilashuster, Donna Smith, Cindy Odenwald,

B. Minutes: Approved with no comments

C. Budget:

- Mr Linehan reported that the magazine fundraiser is not going as well as had been hoped for. Currently, approximately 9,295 gross sales have occurred (4,166 dollars of net income) and he expects a total of maybe 13,000 gross sales (5,850 net income) from this fundraiser.
- Expenses for planners and Rachels Challenge came in at 2,800- lower than originally projected.
- Past months financial activity, and pending exact income numbers from magazine sales, brings the PTO account balance to approximately 3,698.00.

D. Science Fair: Mr.Linehan reported that more students than in past years have signed up to participate in the Science Fair, scheduled to take place at Blevins on December 1st and 2nd. This is good news, but will require more volunteer power on those days. More info for volunteer sign up to follow.

E. Chili Supper: The annual Chili Supper is scheduled for October 20th. This event includes a chili supper, as well as a silent auction and proceeds go to the athletic programs at Blevins. Mr. Linehan shared photos of the past/current weight room, which was a recent beneficiary of these proceeds. Tom Schachet is the staff member taking the lead on the chili supper and Mr. Linehan reported that volunteers, as well as auction items may be needed for this event. This event seems to be dwindling a bit in recent years, perhaps due to the need for staff members focus to be elsewhere. Brief discussion was had regarding how PTO could support the event for this year-it was decided that folks could email Mr.Schachet individually regarding ways they could help. Heather suggested that in future years, this event may be one that the PTO could sponsor and more actively participate in organizing and hosting. Others seemed receptive to this idea.

F. Feedback:

- Parent Teacher Conferences: Went well overall and was fairly well attended. Blevins administration continues to consider "format" of these conferences. PTO members gave some limited feedback about more chairs, length of time, and availability of teachers at conferences.
- Rachels Challenge: Went well, though Mr.Stone reported that there seemed to be less reaction than in past years. Mr Linehan reported that some things had been cut from the presentation that he felt should have been left in. He gave that feedback to the presenters. PTO members briefly shared some of the things that their children had said about the presentation at home.
- School Dance: Mr. Stone and Mr. Overton both attended the 10/7 dance. They reported that the dance was very well attended and that the kids had a great time.

Next PTO Meeting: November 8th, 2011 6:30 PM

