

Blevins PTO Minutes
March 9, 2010

A. Welcome and Intro.

B. Budget-David shared the current Treasurers report. There were no unanticipated changes or updates.

C. Community Fair Report: Event went well, and David expressed feeling that the new leadership organized the event well. Yay Connie! Connie reported that we did run out of prizes and anticipates that with 6th graders now in the school, we should order more in the future. Jennifer began a discussion about potentially tracking the attendees and which schools people are coming from. David reported that the purpose is to bring people into Blevins for potential attendance in the future and that we typically have over 500 people attend but that it has been hard to track how many of them are external community members and how many are Blevins families. Connie reported that there was some miscommunication somewhere regarding the ending time. Volunteers understood the event ended at 8:00 but the flyers that went out to the community said 8:30. These notes will all be taken into consideration in planning for next year.

D. Excellence in Education Award-David reported that this ceremony went well and lots of great teachers/faculty in the district were recognized, Ms. Conyers being one of them. She will be presented with a scrapbook including recognition letters and pictures from students, parents etc. regarding her nomination.

E. Teacher Appreciation Lunch-Teacher appreciation week is May 3-7. Tentative date for the luncheon is May 5th. Penny Hahn, Tami Thomas, Gena _____, Jennifer Clark will coordinate and send e-mails to volunteers and parents with requests for dishes. Lunch will be provided for 45 people.

F. David reported that Blevins is facing a budget reduction of 4.5%. This reduction, in addition to other already decided reductions in specific areas actually equals almost 10% (almost 160,000-180,000). This is the equivalent to 3 full time staff and 20 class sessions. Special Education and Administration have also been hit. David expressed being open to thoughts and questions regarding as this challenge is faced.

G. Fundraising Goals for Next Year: David asked the group to be thinking about this. What are needs, current or anticipated? Jennifer suggested polling staff to get ideas of needs.

H/I. Upcoming Dates: Next PTO meeting dates: April 13th and May 11th 6:30 pm
8th grade celebration-May 8th

J. Other: Discussion was held regarding having a PTO Open house in September next year to introduce parents to PTO and encourage their participation. It was suggested that we use time at the May PTO meeting this year to plan such an event.

Sexual Abuse Response Committee: Jennifer Buchanan reports that she sits on this committee for the School District and will keep the group posted on developments.