

Bay Harbor PTO Minutes

September 9, 2014

Present: Michele Otradovec, Tony Ebeling, Sandi Beaver, Katie White, Dawn Brandt, Amy Lannoye, Dave Gillette, Crystal Glen, Jim Goodhue, Tricia MacDonald, Stephanie Puissant, Jessica Schneider, Heather Ebeling, Renee Gantz, Roger Lambert

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Pledge

Introductions

President Report: Hollie Linder

- Hollie Linder nominated David Gillette for Vice President. 2nd by Michele Otradovec. All in favor, motion carried.
- Hollie Linder nominated Brittney Hauser for Secretary. 2nd by David Gillette. All in favor, motion carried.
- Request was made by Roger Lambert: policy review of how we gather information in regards to negative incidences that occur and/or aggressive behaviors.

Vice President Report: David Gillette

- Playground initiative – this is a very large undertaking and is going to require LOTS of volunteer involvement and participation.
- A Full playground committee has been assembled and will be meeting soon.
- We are looking to put in a Boundless playground system. Benefits of this system are : all ages can use it, will be usable for any child, even those with disabilities. This system is built around real physical activities.
- This project is going to cost roughly \$200,000 in total, bids are currently out now and a more specific number will be presented and formal presentation that will be scheduled in the near future.
- Our goal is to have, at a minimum, the first phase of this project installed and usable in one year time.
- There will be a plaque wall for those people or businesses that make donations.
- PTO has been saving small amounts of money over the years to go towards this project and has roughly \$30,000 saved.
- It is imperative that all understand that the PTO donation drives are not being used toward the play ground initiative.
- Mr. Ebeling will be making a request to our new facilities director to get the area around where the house was torn down cleaned up of all debris and any items that could cause harm to children out playing. Weeds will be trimmed and the area will be cleaned up and usable for the children at recess.

Treasurer: Steve Frank

- Budget Review
- Budget was approved in May

Secretary Report: Brittney Hauser

- No report

Principal's Report: Mr. Ebeling

- Great start to 2014-2015 school year
- Beautification project was a huge success. Families and kids did a great job helping and participating. It's great to show our school family taking responsibility for our school grounds.
- New Facilities Director: Al Behnke
- Lock down drills: Teachers and staff were trained in the new Full Alice lockdown drill procedures. This is a nationwide initiative. Allows teachers and staff to be proactive in a crisis situation. Using their best judgment to save themselves and their students instead of locking themselves in a room and sitting in a corner.
- Safety crews went into schools state wide doing analysis of safety procedures and safety measures in place. Bay Harbor did well with our current procedures of funneling all people entering building through the office.
- Safety update and new procedures that we will be initiating in the coming weeks will be coming out in the next newsletter.
- Thank you to the key PTO chair members for all their work and involvement.

Family Fun: Sandi Beaver

- Discussion of changing date for Gnome games family night.

Fall Fest: Hollie Linder

- Date is set for October 18th from 11-3

Hospitality: Lesli Frank

- Lots of volunteers signed up during Open House

Box Tops: Dawn Brandt

- Box tops were submitted for May and August: points from those entries will be used to purchase outdoor items for children to use at recess.
- Labels for Education: 25,000 points used for playground equipment (i.e. sidewalk chalk, new kick balls) kids have already been enjoying these new items.
- Milk Moola: Program is ending at the end of 2014
- Prairie Farms milk tops: possible program the school can join to earn points. Codes are on the milk tops that can be entered online by parents or the school.
- Loaves for learning: possible program the school can join to earn points. UPC collection
- Tyson: Ready cooked food items have a special label on them that can be turned in. Each label has a \$0.24 value

Books are Fun: Hollie Linder

- PTO will be doing this again this year. Dates to be determined.

Yearbook: Stephanie Pussiant

- Always in need of pictures, throughout the school year.

Market Day: Tricia MacDonald

- We have a new contact: Melissa. We are waiting for the updated information from her that we will include in an upcoming newsletter listing the changes that have been implemented.
- Pick up time has changed to 5:05 – 6:05
- First date is September 23rd

Field Day: Katie White

- Still working on finalizing a date
- Rich Glen will be our volunteer coordinator again this year

Book Fair: Hollie Linder

- Lots of volunteers signed up during the open house
- We will be holding the book fairs during the Parent Teacher conferences again this year.
- Last year we pooled our earnings from the book fairs and each teacher was able to pick nearly \$300 worth of merchandise.

PTO Donation Drive: Hollie Linder

- 19% of families have turned in their donation envelopes
- Adding a visible “thermometer” for our monetary donation amounts and participation percentage.
- Possible tag line: Every dollar counts!

Fourth Grade Field Trip: Nola

- No Report

Hollie Linder: Motion to close meeting, Dave 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully,
Brittney Hauser