

**Barton Hills Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting
August 27, 2007**

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Review Minutes of Previous Meeting – Susan Carpenter**
The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Mila McCutchen.

Attendees: Angie Castilleja, Rayma Chase, Kati Achtermann, Lisa Myers, Kelly Tagle, Susi Alcantara, Celia Hagert, Becky Pursley, Kate Mason, Catherine Dadey, Jamie Kaderli, Lynn Williamson, Sarah Price, Cynthia Nelson, DeAnn Eisenhauer, Mila McCutchen, Ann Taylor

II. Secretary Notes-

Reviewed minutes from July 25, 2007. Celia Hagert motioned, Lynn Williamson seconded, minutes approved.

Announcements-Celia Hagert motioned, and Lisa Meyers seconded, for DeAnn Eisenhauer to be Treasurer, committee approved. New Historian vote was taken for Susi Alcantera, Kate Mason motioned and Cynthia Nelson seconded, committee approved.

III. Treasurer's Report-

DeAnn Eisenhauer announced Soarin' Eagle is already \$9,500. Reviewed Profit and Loss Budget. Not much spending until the meeting, and budget voted. Kati announced we have money as a cushion in the Activity Fund Account to support staff salary in the event the PTA doesn't raise enough money by the end of the school year.

Budget Vote will take place on September 6th at Back to School Night.

IV. Principal's Report-Kati

Good first day of school. Barton Hills has 354 students, numbers should go up a little. Thanked PTA for Teacher Luncheon, and Teacher Retreat at Lake Travis. Computer Kiosk is great, will help track volunteer hours, and visitors. Hopefully will get a flash drive for a back up. Mila has a printer for kiosk, and will bring it.

Phil Hartwell will change marquee.

Texas Pledge has changed, and announced all children need 1 hour of bus safety each year.

On October 22nd Barton Hills students will lead pledge at the School Board Meeting. Need t-shirts for all the board members.

Closet that was on the stage has been moved, and we need people to go through the contents.

Most of the bond stuff is done. The Fine Arts Department paid half, and we got new risers. Bond did not pay for equipment for the Music Room, just the room.

District is piloting a strategic compensation plan, it has been a four year project, and will take another four years. Steering committee asked Barton Hills to be one of the pilot

schools as a representative to the district. Two thirds of the Barton Hills staff voted on it, and it passed so BHE will take part in the plan.

On Back to School Night superintendents require we share our State Accountability Rating. She announced that our rating is Recognized, and she will discuss the rating with the General Assembly.

New staff announced Stacy Maine as new 2nd Grade Teacher, Debby Fuller as new part-time reading teacher, Joann Rios as new front office secretary/bookkeeper, and as new half time assistant principal Susanne Flemming.

New room layouts- Music is out in the new room, art moved over to the old music room. Mr. Van Nort moved into old art room, so the second grade is together in the portables, and Amy Chalberg the counselor is in the old first grade room.

V. Vice Principal Report

Celia Hagert talking about a survey of parents, and teachers to gather feedback from parents, and teachers about the long range planning for our future. Ms. Cohen from the neighborhood helped develop the survey. Plan to kick off the Book Buddies on October 1st with an orientation.

VI. Partners In Education

Cynthia Nelson announced there is a new Partners in Education Form on the website that needs to be filled out whenever donations are made.

VII. Volunteer Coordinator

Angie Castilleja announced she would be emailing names of volunteers to the various committee chairs. Paper copies will be in the classrooms on Back to School Night. Volunteer Meeting is on September 5th at 7:45.

VIII. Directory Ads

Kate Mason collecting checks right at \$800.00 which pays for the production of the directory. Ads are still available.

IX. Newsletter

Lisa Myers announced this is the last newsletter that will be on paper. She will send out an email for the articles, and who needs to write them. Need a new Carnival Newsletter Writer since DeAnn is now Treasurer.

X. Other Business

Mila proposed allowing single signature checks for checks up to \$499.99, but \$500.00 and above continue to require two. Kelly Tagle motioned, and Sarah Price seconded it ... motion passed.

October 8th PTA Board meeting rescheduled for October 9th, because of a holiday.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.