

**Barton Hills Elementary PTA
General Assembly Meeting
September 6, 2007**

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Kati Achtermann. A quorum was present.

II. Kati presents Barton Hills Staff and Faculty

III. Mila McCutchen introduces PTA Executive Board

President - Mila McCutchen
Vice President - Celia Hagert
Secretary - Rayma Chase
Treasurer - DeAnn Eisenhauer

IV. Mila presents PTA Budget for vote

No objections.
Motion by Eddy Torres that we accept the budget as presented by PTA.
Christi Peterson seconded motion.
Budget voted as stated.

V. Mila calls for a vote to change the BHE PTA's bylaws and standing rules regarding voting on the PTA proposed budget in May in order to assist the principal in committing to the AISD the need for fulltime special teachers before the beginning of the next school year.

In order for the PTA to assist the principal to secure fulltime placement of our PE, Music and Art teacher before the beginning of the next school year, the PTA discussed changing the standing rules and bylaws of the PTA. A motion by Patrick Holcombe was made to change the *standing rules* to read as follows:

“II. Budget Committee: The budget committee shall meet and prepare a working budget for the following year to present at an executive board meeting before the annual meeting of the association of the current school year. Copies shall be made available for the executive board meeting as well as the annual meeting at which the budget is presented. In addition, a copy of the budget shall be posted on the BHE PTA website (www.bhepta.com) and shall be included into the PTA material place in the school library.”

The motion was seconded by Diane Hicks. The general assembly voted and the motion was passed by a quorum. The president announced the result of the vote.

Furthermore, a motion by Will Serengard was made to add a May General Assembly Meeting and to change the *by-laws* to read as follows:

“ARTICLE X: Meetings

Section 1. This association shall hold a minimum of three (3) meetings a year.

- a. Regular meetings of the association shall be held in the months of August, September, October, December, February, March April, and May, time and date to be established by executive board at its first meeting of the year. Five (5) days notice shall be given if change of date is needed. ..

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- d. The regular meeting held in May shall be to approve the budget for the following school year.

Perry Tongate seconded the motion to amend the bylaws as reflected above. The general assembly voted and the motion was passed by a quorum. The president announced the results of the vote.”

VI. Mila explains Soarin’ Eagle.

Barton Hills has two major fundraisers (Carnival and Soarin’ Eagle).

The Soarin’ Eagle is a one time contribution of \$160.00 by the end of the year. Try to contribute early, but you don’t have to pay all at once.

The Carnival will have a solar system theme, and is on October 26.

Melissa Saucedo, and Katrina are co-chairs of the carnival.

VII. Kay Wallingford presents several programs.

Recognizing the Summer Readers, and collecting of Box Tops.

TIPS For Reading Success is a new program for beginning readers. Celia Hagert, and Debby Fuller organized it in conjunction with the Book Buddy Program.

Book Buddy Program is a partnership between students, and volunteers once a week.

Birthday Book Program acknowledges students birthdays by purchasing a book in their name.

If interested in being a partner in education talk to Cynthia Nelson.

VIII. Amy Chalberg talked about the mentoring program through AISD.

Parents cannot be mentors, but please encourage others to contact her.

IX. Kati informed assembly that the official TAKS rating is “Recognized.”

Printouts are available.

Meeting adjourned 7:03 p.m.