

**Barton Hills Elementary  
Executive Board Meeting  
March 24, 2009**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

**Tina Weaver.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm by Tina Weaver.

Attendees: Tina Weaver, Kati Achtermann, Deborah Sterzing, Priscilla Hubenak, Beverly Oeltjen, Becky Pursley, Melissa Saucedo, Jamie Kaderli, DeAnn Eisenhauer, Kelly Tagle, Catherine Dadey, Veronica Gonzalez, Amy Moore, Lynn Williamson.

**2. Secretary Notes**

Minutes reviewed from February 10, 2009. Melissa Saucedo motioned and Lynn Williamson seconded. Corrections made on Section #4 title changed from Funraising to Fundraising; Section #5 Principal's Report, Gayle Smith changed to Gail Smith and 4<sup>th</sup> TAKS was for Writing not Math; Section #6, President's Report- Morgan Daly changed to Morgan Dalley, Section #8 Annual Fund- Funraising changed to Fundraising.

**3. Principal's Report**

Kati Achtermann and baby, Will, are doing great. Kati is scheduled to return to school on Monday, April 20.

**4. Miscellaneous Announcements**

Amy Moore was introduced. She is interested in the Treasurer position for the next school year.

Beverly Oeltjen was introduced. She will be the new teacher representative for the next school year. She will be replacing Becky Pursely.

**5. Treasurer's Report- DeAnn Eisenhauer**

The current budget was reviewed- **Profit/Loss/Income.**

Kelly Tagle, Tina Weaver, Deborah Sterzing and DeAnn Eisenhauer met with teachers and recorded their needs for their classrooms and school. The art department requested a sand and water table.

Possibly a parent can donate one they no longer have use for. A list will be compiled and sent out to parents. This list is meant to give direction on spending for next year's budget.

This year, give each grade level and special education \$500 to spend on items on their wish lists. Take the remaining items and select one by one to purchase over a two year plan.

Kelly Tagle suggested that the science closet be moved to a more accessible location. DeAnn informed us that the current science closet is attended by Ms. Marrs, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She owns some items but is willing to share. Parents could volunteer to maintain the items being returned and stock consumable supplies when needed. Some items have to be checked out from the library; they are items purchased by the school district.

Deborah Sterzing asked about having a science lab. Mrs. Achtermann stated that the school once had a lab, but it didn't work. No one manned the lab and it was easier to do activities in classrooms.

Teachers have to supplement the Faust kits- potting soil, etc. Teachers should not have to pay out of pocket for supplies even after the \$300 that's given to them already.

Tina Weaver suggested we step back from funding technology and re-focus on what teachers need in their classrooms.

Kelly Tagle added that a list can be posted in the teacher's lounge with constant updates.

DeAnn Eisenhower stated that before purchasing technology items, we need to wait to see what the technology bond will purchase.

Next year, add funding for fieldtrips. Fieldtrip scholarships are needed.

### **Current Income/Expenses**

Expenses: Next year, the teacher retreat will have an amount on the budget.

The Anthology, a collection of students' writings, is paid partially by PTA and by private donors. If PTA pays for the cost, there will be no need for private donors and will be removed from principal's wish

list. The Anthology costs approximately \$8 per student. Will PTA continue paying for the cost?

Kelly Tagle questioned if the distribution of the Anthology should remain that every student receives a copy or should be changed to placing orders. Kati recommended we keep one method for two years to help make a better decision and to have data to look back on.

Lego League won't cost so much money next year. Parents will pay for registration. The on-going expense will be discussed at next month's meeting. Lynn Williamson stated that PTA should be supportive of Lego League regardless of the number of participants. Kelly Tagle suggested there be scholarships established for enrichment programs. Melissa Saucedo added that a scholarship committee be formed. Scholarships were in last year's budget. Tina Weaver suggested that any flyer sent out for an activity have "Scholarships may be available" at the bottom of the sheet.

\$6,748.00 will carry over to next year.

Mrs. Oeltjen mentioned that there was a need for software for 4<sup>th</sup> grade accelerated math. Tina Weaver mentioned that this is a huge investment, about \$1,000.00 a year. DeAnn added that teachers can design a page for a certain level and monitor each student's understanding of the math levels. It is a large amount of money, but it benefits the students.

In science, items are needed. Teachers are paying out of pocket. There should be an annual line item next year. We need a dollar amount added to Science Earth Day. The sales of display boards paid for science fair supplies.

Landscaping- \$100 in private donations.

Library- \$3,000.00

\$2,000.00 for the literacy library and for the reading specialist.

Box tops added additional funds for the library.

### Principal's Wish List

If there is a school wide list, the principal's wish list can be removed. Mrs. Chalberg, the school counselor, provides snacks and clothing for special needs students; should we leave principal's wish list or increase Mrs. Chalberg's expense to \$150 or a little more?

Areas to have volunteers: Math Buddies, Science Closet

Lynn Williamson volunteered to work with the Science Closet.

Math Buddies will be under a special committee that will work with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.