

**Barton Hills Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting
February 10, 2009**

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

Tina Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Tina Weaver.

Attendees: Priscilla Hubenak, Antoinette Perez, Kelly Tagle, Tonya Cook, Melissa Saucedo, Joi Faltesek, Jamie Kaderli, Deborah Sterzing, Kati Achermann, Becky Pursley, DeAnn Eisenhauer, Tina Weaver, and Veronica Gonzalez.

2. Secretary Notes

Reviewed minutes from December 4, 2008. Sections corrected were Treasurer's Report: 'Some parents thought t-shirts were free' was added; fundraising was changed to funraising; Principal's Report: Details of the Golden Performance Acknowledgements were added. Melissa Saucedo motioned and Catherine Dadey seconded. Minutes approved with changes.

3. Yearbook Update

Antoinette Perez is this year's Yearbook Chairperson. She gave a presentation outlining this year's yearbook overview, printing bid information and timeline for sections to be completed. She collected bids from 3 different printers. Last year's printing company, McCarthy Print, had the lowest bid of \$2,089. This bid includes an additional 8 pages and a colored cover.

4. Fundraising Update

Lita Rosario was not able to attend the meeting. Tina Weaver presented the items. Applebee's will be added to our Partner in Education. They are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month. A flyer will need to be handed in when eating at the restaurant. Tina Weaver will sign an agreement to promote flyers once a month. It does not include alcoholic beverages. Kati suggested that the flyer be scanned and placed on the website.

5. Principal's Report

The Science Fair was a great success. A selected number of 4th, 5th and 6th graders advanced to regionals.

An Eagle Scout is working on a project located near the back parking lot. He is repairing the wooden platform stage and wooden benches and adding mulch to the surrounding area.

TAKS is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009. 3rd and 5th grades will have the Reading and 4th grade will have the Writing portion of the test.

Barton Hills Elementary PTA was nominated for the AISD PTA of the year again.

There has been feedback from a community member regarding the traffic situation in the afternoon, after school. Kati will be working on trying to keep traffic to a minimum by trying to keep the no-parking areas free and to reduce speeding. DeAnn suggested having a policeman present. Student safety comes first to community convenience. Catherine Dadey suggested that signs be placed in the no parking areas and for weekly email reminders for no parking zones and no speeding. Also to suggest for parents to park at St. Mark's and walk to pick up their child will help reduce traffic after school.

Tying dogs onto trees while picking up your child is dangerous.

Kati's last day is Friday, February 13. Gail Smith will be her substitute. She is a retired AISD principal. She has substituted around the school district. Kati will return in April.

6. President's Report

Carnival

Joi Faltsek introduced herself. She is the Kinder Rodeo and the 2009 Carnival chairperson.

The idea for Carnival is a circus theme: big top, very colorful. The date for Carnival 2009 is Friday, October 23. Morgan Dalley

is the new Silent Auction chairperson. Joi is also organizing food delivery service for Kati during her maternity leave.

Cultural Arts Upcoming Events

Tamara Carlisle was not able to attend the meeting. Tapestry Dance will perform on April 16, a steel band will perform at the April General PTA meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

DeAnn is working on amending the budget.

Carnival was budgeted at \$4,000. \$4,600 was spent. Next year's budget for Carnival will be \$4,600. DeAnn went over the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Budget chart. Gift cards were included in the actual expense. Profit/Loss is general, not itemized. For income, we are over budget.

For technology- 10 I Macs, 7 projectors and 7 carts were purchased. Teachers need more technology, 10 more computers are needed this year. Kati informed us that the classrooms are slowly getting updated computers. Kelly Tagle added that the teacher retreat will be in next year's budget. The budget is made up by the PTA Executive Board. Deborah Sterzing asked if the proposed budget included an increase for inflation. The Executive Board will approve the amended budget at the April meeting to present at the 4/30 Gen. Assembly meeting. In May, the General Assembly approves the budget for 2009-2010.

Tables and Elmo projectors were purchased. The Elmo projectors were at a very low price.

8. Annual Fund

Kelly Tagle reported that letters went home. Now the participation is at 50% which totals to \$20,000. The goal was \$25,000. Maybe 50% participation is good. She called other schools and discovered that Barton Hills Elem. is doing great in participation. It will continue to grow. The goal is 75% participation. This is the 3rd year for parents to donate. Now we are fundraising for classroom supplies. DeAnn Eisenhower thought that we needed a goal for purchasing items. We need a new committee to go to each classroom to see what each teacher needs. Next year, we will need grade level reports and grade level representatives.

How do we address lack of participation? We need to promote the newsletter back to paper for more visibility. We need to establish an end date and then a celebration at the end. We need to be specific and tell what we need per student- \$66.75 per student.

Deborah Sterzing will help Kelly Tagle talk to room parents to get a list of their teachers' needs.

Annual Fund will stay for next year.

DeAnn Eisenhauer suggested sending out a letter next year asking parents if they want to donate to the Annual Fund or sell cookie dough.

We have met the budget and surplus thanks to Carnival.

The budget can perhaps be reduced due to the economy.

The surplus with the revised budget is approximately \$9,600 + \$2,500. We will need to meet to approve the amended budget.

The amended budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.