

Minutes of the PTO Meeting Balboa City School January 7, 2009

Welcome and Introductions

PTO President, Linda Barner, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower School, IEP room. There were twelve parents and two faculty present.

BCS Update

School Counselor, Erin Brown, reported on the possibility of offering an Equestrian Therapy Program, 'Winner Skill Circle', to Balboa's students. The program is located in Bonita and offers two afternoon sessions, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.. The logistics are in the planning stage and consideration for possible carpooling on Wednesdays is being studied. Erin will be writing a grant to support the program. An update will be sent in the school Newsletter.

Erin Brown reported that the Dragon Treasures program is running smoothly. New parent, Judy Walden, made some recommendations for improvement and is hopeful parents could donate some of the items such as a microwave, a tarp to cover and protect the space, a cooler for refrigeration and storage, an outdoor weatherproof clock and an open/close sign. Also food donations such as boxes of Cuties or Sweet Clementines, a healthy, easy citrus snack, microwave soups, hot cocoa-Swiss Miss, and microwavable popcorn would be greatly appreciated. These requests will be posted in the Newsletter.

Natalie Addelson-Clark reported on other BCS news and said that December's holiday zoo trip was a success. On Tuesday, the Lower School, grades K-8, will be going to see the play, *Tom Sawyer*. Balboa City School welcomes Rajali Walker as the new physics teacher. Former BCS sign language teacher, Carmen Inocencio, will be helping Mr. Walker as he becomes more familiar with Balboa City School. The Basketball season starts with a home game this Friday, January 9. Be sure and look for the basketball schedule in the BCS Newsletter.

Budget Report

Parent, Kathleen Kubota, passed out the current Treasurer's Report and stated they are improving the software report and that future reports will be easier to read. At this time, the available funds, \$19,511.18, are fully committed. It was recommended that members might want to learn more about the process of grant writing.

Annual Fundraiser Gala

Gala Chairperson, Mindi Davis, reminded us this year's Gala is set for Friday, May 1, at the Admiral Baker Golf Course. This year's theme is "Stars Among Us", spotlighting the great potential of our BCS students. Mindi handed out the cover letter which explains the school's mission and goals. Additions and clarifications were made. The first kickoff Gala planning meeting is scheduled for this Friday, January 9, at 1:30 in the IEP room.

A three part donation form is being prepared. Work is being done on accompanying underwriting information and suggested donations to be included with the cover letter. The committee would like to find a professional auctioneer to work the event. All present are encouraged to invite supportive and fun individuals to enjoy the evening.

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Pilot Lunch Program

Parent, Sue Naslund, continues to refine the implementation of a new once a week lunch program, catered by Alex's Brown Bag in the Mr. A's building. She is working on the format of the lunch order form. Judy Walden volunteered to work on the pilot lunch program also.

Dave's Wholesale

\$200 was raised at the first ever Dave's Wholesale sale in December. Prizes will be presented to the students who brought in the most people and spent the most money.

Round Table Discussion

Mayumi Rowan, Cub Scout leader for the second and third graders, would like to recruit parent volunteers to help with the program.

Purchase of our own vending machine is being considered.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, at 8:30. A Gala Planning meeting will immediately follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Heye
Secretary