

Bannockburn School Parent Organization (BSPO) Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2011

Attendance:

Vicki Martin, Sara Danielewicz, Sharon Kregel, Pam Lewis, Paul Johnson, Debbie Barnes, Liz Ciko, Stacie Danielewicz

The motion to approve the January 11 meeting minutes was made by Pam, second by Sara.

President's Report:

- School supplies - Liz Weiss had brought up school supplies to Vicki. We agreed parents purchase their own supplies because it is less expensive this way.
- 7th grade graduation/refreshments - Helene contacted Vicki about BSPO helping out 7th graders to provide refreshments for 8th grade graduation. Debbie Barnes feels room used for refreshments is very small -- it gets too dark, or cold to have it outside after graduation. Debbie feels people are here for only 45 minutes. There is a lot of cleanup involved - refreshments mainly eaten by younger siblings. Debbie feels that although this is a great sentiment, there is too much cleanup involved.
- Chad - Circus Day - The Company that runs circus day will organize this entire event for us. They will take a look at outside space, and then plan this out. May 17th 2011 is our official Circus Day date. Circus day will be: 10 events which will include a trapeze, tight rope walk, minibikes, and any circus-like activity. Kindergarteners will be involved, but will have to figure out in advance how they can participate. The kids will be "paired up" -- mixing the grades together. This will be a team building exercise. They will go through all 10 events, and then kids will decide on their favorites. They will practice their "favorite" activity, and then perform this activity for the "show." The circus will begin at 1:45. Parents are welcome to come and see the show. Chad would love a lot of volunteers - 40 total. Teachers are considered volunteers. This company will also manage the volunteers. It's possible that we will have this activity in the park - Debbie will call the village and investigate. If it's a rain day, we will have the event. They will adapt to weather and the size of our school - holding one event in the cafeteria, one event in the gym, etc. Debbie thinks 20 parents would be a good amount of volunteers. They may go in 2 hour shifts. Parents and teachers will need training the night before the circus on May 16th. It will be about 2 hours long. Chad made the time around 5-7pm or 4-6pm. Volunteers will have a chance to look at the equipment and learn what the kids will be doing. There will be an e-mail sent out so parent can volunteer. This company will have a computer program to help schedule the volunteer time slots.

Principal's Report, Debbie Barnes

- Debbie communicated with the Superintendent of Deerfield and Highland Park High School George Fornero. He will be in the March BSPO meeting. He will explain the facilities/technology referendum project which will be on the April 5th ballot to the parents in our school district. Debbie suggested sending out a mass e-mail to all families, to see if they would like to come to the BSPO meeting in March.
- Valentine's Day -- Debbie Barnes asked all the 1-5th grade teachers about the date of the Valentine's Day party -- they decided that the party should stay on Feb 11th, instead of Monday Feb 14th. The Valentine's that student council is selling are being delivered on Monday, not Friday.
- Flyer about Aaron Cooper for the book, I Just Want My Kids To Be Happy -- for sale in the office. This author is coming in April. We are doing this lecture with Holy Cross.
- Bullying Lecture - Feb 22nd at Highland Park high school - by Parent Network. There will be a speaker there to talk about bullying. The topic is Bullying, the Bullied and Bystander. The time is 7-9pm at Highland Park high school. Debbie mentioned that this organization is really trying to educate parents about bullying, drugs, alcohol and emotional well being of young adults. Karen Harris is involved in this.

Teacher Liaison, Liz Ciko

- Liz had nothing to report, because of snow days.

Treasurer, Sharon Krengel

- Sharon said hot lunch is on track and we are ahead of budget. We made \$334.50 for See's candies and \$6500 for hot lunch so far. This will be our last See's candies fundraiser, because there were problems with See's candies.

Vice President, Sara Danielewicz - Committee Updates:

- See's Candy Sale - delivery is delayed because of the weather. We will send out an e-mail when we have an exact date.
- Movie Night - Despicable Me was chosen. The date is Feb 25th.
- Hospitality - Catherine Reznik is going to host the end of the year party for BSPO.

New Business

None

Adjourn Meeting

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon, second by Vicki. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Pamela Lewis
Corresponding Secretary