

Bannockburn School Parent Organization (BSPO) Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

Attendance: Vicki Martin, Sara Danielewicz, Catherine Reznik, Sharon Kregel, Pam Lewis, Cherie Thompson, Debbie Barnes, Joanne Desmond, Caroline Shapiro, Nancy Nervick, Cindy Korrub, Marci Erickson, Elaine Lazarus, Jodi Kahn, Liz Weiss, Theresa Leahy

The motion to approve the April 12 meeting minutes was made by Cherie, second by Sharon.

President's Report:

- Vicki Martin thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of the school year. She explained that although the current bylaws offer a good foundation for the organization, they are difficult to decode because of the legalese. She stated that although the board was considering recommending changes to be approved at this meeting, she now recommends that we table any changes until the Fall.

Recording Secretary:

- Pam Lewis passed out thank you notes for the teacher's luncheon.

Principal's Report:

- Many students are at the Grove today and enjoying a day back in time.
- Outdoor Ed is this week for the 5th graders near Lake Geneva. Mrs. Wilson, Chad Vincent, Officer Ron and Officer Bob are with them. Ron, now that he is Chief will not be able to go next year, but Officer Bob hopes to go again in the future.
- Solarbration will be Thursday to celebrate the installation of the solar panels. Please have your kids wear yellow. The assembly will be at 11AM. All are welcome. Barry Stein kindly offered to be part of the presentation, and will explain how they use solar at their house.
- A whimsical tree has been drawn on the wall in the lunchroom and work on the mosaic has started. Maritas, the artist, will come back in the Fall to work on the drawing for the lunch room donated by the Mascolino Family.
- Legislation is now pending that would change the number of days that post-retirement workers can work from 120 to 100 days (from 600 hours to 500 hours.) Unfortunately both Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Anderson are impacted. We currently have 17 students for 1st grade and 18 for 2nd grade and 16 for kindergarten. Based on these numbers the current plan is to have the following teachers, Sarah Barnett 1st grade, Deb Kramer 2nd grade, Mrs. Garneau kindergarten and Mrs. Garneau will have another position at school in the PM that is still to be determined. For middle school, Debbie explained that she is considering giving the students a choice for activities so that we would have all teachers offer an elective class during one period. Some ideas for classes so far are jazz band, robotics, rocketry, film studies and school paper. Mrs. L is retiring and will be missed! We will not have a full-time art teacher next year.

Superintendent Report:

- Joanne expressed her gratitude for all of the support this year. She stated that a number of proposed bills could impact our school. She explained that one bill proposes that a study to

look at the consolidation of districts be done. She felt that the North Shore 112 district consolidation that was done offered no money savings, so she is unclear as to the motive for consolidations. Joanne will let Vicki know if there is a bill that is going in front of the legislature, so if families would like to write letters to the legislature we will have the information. She emphasized that she felt that consolidating Bannockburn would not save money, but would result in the school no longer being in the community. Sharon recommended that if the time comes for letter writing that the governor gets the letters as well.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sharon said that we paid out for Hot Lunch, that we are still selling Spirit Wear, please see the email from Vicki and contact Eleni Fakhoury if you are interested in purchasing something (we may use leftovers for raffle/give-away items), we paid out for the teacher's luncheon and also paid for the green slip reward to be handed out to two randomly chosen winners. Sharon asked that we review next year's budget to approve it. She removed the See's candy fundraiser, as we are not planning to do that fundraiser, she reduced the charge for postage. Vicki made a motion to approve the budget and Jodi made a second.

Committee Report:

- Marci will send out an email to ask for next year room parent volunteers. Please respond to her if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteer names will not be taken at the meeting today.
- Vicki explained that she and Kaye are looking into creating a Mom's for Green initiative to focus on reducing waste during lunch. She will be working with her more over the summer. Debbie expressed that the kids really need reminding and that she felt Waste Management will come again, but that we need parent volunteers to help with efforts. Debbie and Joanne both said that the Prairie Crossing School does a terrific job. Vicki and Kaye said that they will try to contact them to get ideas for our school.
- Sara announced that Judy reported that 5 bricks were sold for the fundraiser 4 at \$75 and 1 at \$125.
- Caroline explained that she went to the Bannockburn meeting to get approval for use of the playground and although it was a difficult process, we are on track for the picnic on June 2 for the K-4 graders.
- Sara said a big thanks to all of the Committee chair people and thank you to Jodi and Cindy for the teacher appreciation breakfast, thanks to Eleni for the teacher appreciation luncheon, thanks to Liz for providing the food for the end of year luncheon and to Catherine for opening up her home.
- Based on the Survey Monkey approval, the new BSPO board for next year will be the same as this year except that Nancy Nervick will be replacing Catherine as the Recording Secretary. Next year's Committee Chairs will be:
 - Book Fair Cherie Thompson
 - Bricks Judy Kliebard
 - Bulldog Pumpkin Run Sara Danielewicz
 - Fall Gift Sale Paul Johnson
 - Hot Lunch Reichenbach, Cheskis, Mansfield
 - Movie Night Nancy Nervick
 - Moms For Green Kaye Kharasch

- Buzz Book Vicki Martin
- Cultural Arts Stacie Danielewicz and Catherine Reznik
- Hospitality Becca Coleman and Lauren Kliska
- Ice Cream Social Teresa Leahy
- Lower School Picnic Caroline Shapiro
- New Family Welcome Executive Board
- Spirit Wear Pam Lewis

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vicki, second by Sharon. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Reznik
Recording Secretary