

Bannockburn School Parent Organization (BSPO) Meeting Minutes- December 14, 2010

Attendance: Vicki Martin, Sara Danielewicz, Catherine Reznik, Sharon Krengel, Pam Lewis, Shawn LeGloanec, Cindy Korrub, Cherrie Thompson, Paul Johnson, Marcie Erickson, Liz Weiss, Debbie Barnes, Joann Desmond

The motion to approve the November 9 meeting minutes was made by Sharon, second by Sara.

New Business:

Shawn LeGloanec and Debbie Barnes spoke with Mirtes Zwierzynski, the artist that installed the murals in the entry hall, about doing additional murals in the school this Spring. The Mascolino family wants to donate the installation of a special painted mural in memory of Sandy for the lunchroom. Shawn asked if BSPO would be willing to fund an extension of the mural in the hallway as well. The extension would cost approx. \$6,900 to install and would include the cost of 10 workshops with the children. All children would participate in the creation of the mural. Vicki offered to send a survey out to the parents to see if BSPO would fund the project from BSPO budget reserves. Sharon said we currently have \$42,000 in reserves. Money was used from reserves in the past to fund the first mural, new sound system and the Hops fitness program. Vicki will send a survey out in early January and will ask parents to vote before the next BSPO meeting on January 11th.

President's Report:

- Vicki asked for clarification how a slate would be voted on in March. She plans to send the BSPO slate out via Survey Monkey so that the school community can vote.
- Two new boys joined the 3rd grade class, Everett and Grayson. Please extend a welcome to their family.
- Vicki met with Kaye Kharasch about starting a "Mom's for Green" group. Vicki would love for a mom to step forward to help guide and support green initiatives at school. Debbie mentioned that Shred Express recently brought bins to school that are being used. Debbie is exploring involving the Student Council more in green initiatives. She recently reviewed a green curriculum for a friend and as a result of that discussion plans to ask the school to focus on one green initiative a month. In January, she will ask students and teachers to use recyclable drink containers instead of plastic water bottles.

Superintendent Report:

- Joann brought to everyone's attention that the 2011-2012 tentative school schedule needs to be amended, as January 1st falls on a Sunday and January 2nd is a Federal Holiday, therefore school will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012. The School Board will need to approve the revised calendar at their meeting this week.

Principal's Report:

- Basketball season is well underway. The Band and Chorus concert was nice last night and very well attended. The Orchestra concert was last week.
- The play is Guys and Dolls and will happen in April. 5th-8th grade students tried out and their parts were posted last Friday.

- Lots of teacher learning is going on now, both Map and Global Learning consultants will be here in January.
- Liz asked about how the Bridges math program is going. The curriculum is used through 5th grade. Debbie has had a good response from teachers regarding the program and likes the additional math websites that are used to support the program.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sharon announced that \$3,351.61 was made from the wrapping paper sale and we are right on budget with hot lunch. She offered her thanks to Paul Johnson again for all of his efforts. Many attendees thought that Great American had a good selection of products, but Paul pointed out that a majority of the sales still came from selling wrapping paper.

Committee Report:

- Cultural Arts: The Circus Day is over-budget as a hotel charge for the performers has now been added. Debbie and Joann said that the school will cover the one-time charge of ~\$380. Sharon stated that the Cultural Arts budget had been \$7500 but then was lowered to \$6500 to provide more funds to teachers for their field trip budget, but that a vote had never taken place. Catherine motioned to approve a revised budget of \$6500 for Cultural Arts and Vicki seconded the motion.
- Book Fair: Sara extended a big thanks to Cherie for all of her and the Book Fair Committee members' hard work in putting the Book Fair together. Cherie announced that we exceeded last year totals from just in-store orders, but on-line orders have not been calculated yet. In store orders totaled over \$5400. Sharon would recommend not offering wrapping paper services during all of the business hours next time. The scheduled readings were well received and a few attendees commented how great the craft area was.
- Hospitality: Sara asked if it is possible to extend hospitality to another week as Teacher's Appreciation Week is a very busy week with another luncheon and breakfast already scheduled for the teachers. Liz and Debbie are exploring having a luncheon during the Valentine's week instead. Debbie will check with Kate Tierno regarding the library's availability and Liz Weiss will check with her co-partner, Elaine Fakhoury regarding her thoughts about moving the luncheon.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vicki, second by Cherrie. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Reznik
Recording Secretary