

**Buckingham Elementary PTO General Meeting –February 4, 2010**

9:30 a.m. present Emby Staub, Susan Romanus, Fiona Jackson, Peg Solitario, Virginia Howarth & Betsy Benosky

**Call to Order/Welcome:** Susan R. call to order 9:45am

**Approval of Jan. Minutes:** – motion to approve by Carol C. & 2<sup>nd</sup> Louise S.; approved.

**Financial Report:** Fiona J.

***Financial Report*** presented and will be online as well

Dome Theater made profit of \$345-a credit may be issued from Co. due to the equipment failure at the end of the evening. Great job, Katrina and Bonnie!

Family Activities include deposit for Trenton Thunder (\$595) & Bingo supplies (\$144)

Assembly Budget is \$4500 or 23.5% of PTO budgeted spending for the year.

- \$2175.00 on Bubbleman, Box of Light (Upcoming) & Dome Theater

8 Teachers have taken some of the funds thus far.

- \$700 spent thus far of teacher's discretionary fund of \$3,300 has been spent

Store Incomes

- Acme Receipts (\$813 vs. \$300 budget) & Boxtops (\$770 vs. \$500 budget)- Great!!!

Library Enrichment budget

- Mrs. Yates bought 45 new books for the library

Peddler's Village Fundraiser modest profit still coming in (\$20)

Expenses are low, funds not yet spent/approved by vote

- Playground Equipment-on Order \$3,000
- 2 Presentation Stations \$3,200.00

Bulk of Fundraiser for 2009-2010 is complete

**Vote to approve current budget**

Motion to approve - Donna G. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol C.; approved.

**Happenings Report:** Submitted by Maria F. and presented by Fiona Jackson

210 students enrolled, 13 programs, in addition to Young Rembrandts classes (33 students) and foreign language classes, which are ongoing.

Parents interested in teaching a "Happenings" class next year should contact Maria F.-new ideas.

**Gardens:** Carol C. and Mrs. Viel-distributed school map of 4 main garden areas of the school. Proposed that grade level responsibility be put on children in maintaining the gardens. Also discussed two family clean-up days -

- would like to expand the "Rockin' Roots" 6th grade program to incorporate appropriate level grade involvement: "Rockin' Roots Squared"
- Need to get pricing for some mulch & other needed supplies-will come up with some pricing and report back to the March Gen. PTO Meeting. Start up a garden committee.

**Playground Equipment:** Virginia H.- distributed color copy of new equipment to be installed-climber:

- supplier is closed Dec.-Jan but has in stock and will be shipping.
- Facilities is aware of installation need and will schedule this as well as the basketball hoop for playground
- Additional mulch may be needed- wet zone for climber behind the balancing beam.

**Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee:** Virginia H. Next meeting is March-

- Random Drug testing is out
- CNC Photos discussed- many schools not happy-photographer is happy to take shots at studio
- Louise posed Bus Driver safety concerning cell phones and texting-Virginia will bring it to the attention of Superintendent's Parent Advisory

**Upcoming Activities:**

- Heart to Heart Bake Sale-Feb 3-4<sup>th</sup>-- success!
- Art Expo Set up March 8th
- Art Expo Open House March 10th
- Spring Book Fair the week of March 22-26th- sizeable fair - "All You Can Read"-theme 9-4PM (M-Th) and 9-2 Friday. Sign-up sheet went around-Louise S. and Linda S.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Solitario

This year has gone great thus far, considering changes in budget, new students & new staff

- Family Fun & Fitness instead of Mighty Knight Friday, 2/5. Staff is involved, apples and water served.
- Report cards 2/5
- Jump Rope Assembly 2/12- Valentine's Day Parties
- Presidents' Day 2/15
- Box of Light Assembly 2/19
- March has Reading Olympics 3/25; "Operation Helping Hands"- A Woman's Place community event food drive; Blood Drive 3/24
- 6th Grade Graduation is June 10th at East

**Focus of PTO Spending:**-Teacher wish list will be posted and presented at the next PTO March General Meeting and ideas will be considered and taken

**PTO Open Board Positions for Next Term:** Co-President; Vice President and Secretary

**Committee Chairs Open for Next Year:**

- Bus Driver Breakfast
- Care by Celebrating Children
- Clean-Up Buckingham Day
- Directory
- Fall Fest
- Gardens at Buckingham
- Kids Voting
- Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner
- Playground Equipment Supplier
- Science Fair

**\*\*Reminder, all Committee Chairs- be sure to advertise your event/activity by sending reminders/flyers to Heather Hansbarger for the Banter in Brief.**  
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**Upcoming Events:** PTO General Meeting March 4th at 9:30; Family Bingo Night March 5<sup>th</sup>; Art Expo March 10<sup>th</sup>; and Book Fair March 22-26.

**Motion to adjourn:** <sup>t</sup> Denise S., <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Ann K.; approved.  
Adjourned 11:46 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by PTO Secretary, Betsy B.**