



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Beall PTA Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2012

Tida Violante called the meeting to order at 7:00

1. Approval of minutes - Tida motioned to approve, John McKirgan seconded, passed unanimously
2. Reports from Officers, Boards, Standing Committees

Membership (Zhen Tao) a total of 313 members, 58 Staff and 255 parents. Breakdown by class: K-72, 1 -55, 2-59, 3-38, 4-16, 5-15

Staff & School Update (Ms. Lee & Ms. Reed)

Grandparents Day 12/21 8:30 - 11:00 -This event is for grandparents only. Coffee and Donuts in the morning, handprint activity, grandparent on WBEL, kids will be given snowflakes to decorate.

Parent volunteers will be needed for this event.

Question posed: Can the grandparents come at any time? Answer, yes, grandparents can come at any time during the event.

Congratulation to the Striegels who welcomed a baby boy the day before Thanksgiving. The PTA sent them a diaper bag from their registry as a baby gift.

Testing, after winter break there will be a lot of testing. Highly gifted, Global testing for 2nd graders (week of January 7th), ESOL for second language learners, MSA testing begins after that.

RMES#5 (Tida)

3. 20 families showed up to BOE meeting. Schedule for school opening was delayed last year by the County Council to 2017 but it's complicated by the fact that the current site is being used by another agency. The Cluster, however, achieved it's purposed of bringing this issue to the Board, the City and it was actually discussed at the BOW meeting the following day. On the other hand, the date is still set for 2017 and could not be moved back to 2015.

Directory (Meg Page)

4. Special thanks to Sunny Hedgecock for all of her work on the directory. This year's directory outsourced to A to Z, revenue was \$1000 cash and \$500 in gift cards. Gift cards were given to janitors, secretaries, health technician, global babysitters and winners of the Mixed Bag fundraisers. Working with A to Z, we get 10% of their total revenue and it's broken down 67% cash and 33% gift cards. We received the \$1500 this year because we were guaranteed that amount but we actually only earned \$750. Last year was done in

house, revenue was \$1,450. How to handle next year's directory was discussed. One big reason for choosing this place was the mobile App although we have received very few feedback about the mobile app. People seemed to love the parents names in the directory though.

Winter After School Activities (Amy West)

Flyers will be sent home this week and next. Activities include, Bricks for Kids 3-5, Mad Science K-5, Pottery K-5 , Drama K-2, Hip Hop K-2, Soccer K-3, Basketball K-5 Ms. Lee asked if teachers can be informed of which children are participating in each after-school activity. Ms. Reed will ask the secretary to forward that info to teachers.

Treasurer's Report (Rob Gibbs)

Income we are around %53 percent for the projected budgets. We started with \$13000 and have raised \$7000 this year.

5. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Race to Nowhere Movie - approximately 75 people RSVPd and 20 showed, Tida is willing to show again if there is interest. However, many of the staff members have seen the documentary during their training and special showings.

Scholastic Book Fair (Amy Bulson) - \$3200 cash, \$500 in Scholastic money. \$400 was given to our students to redeem for books in some capacity (rewards or special prizes).

Mixed Bag Designs (Kate Chai-Onn) \$5,000 profit and an extra Kindle Fire HD for raffle at the March Madness. There will also be a possibility of an online fundraiser for which the school receives 40%.

Parents Night Out - last Friday. The sign-up numbers were low and there was some discussion why the numbers were low. \$12 per kid or 2 hours and dinner. Possibilities; ended too early, didn't include siblings, try selling it as "Kids night out" to get kids more interested. A suggestion was made for possible feedback from parents. But the parents who used it, loved it. Thank you to the Global babysitters!

Dragon Men at Color Me Mine (Rob Gibbs) A success! 41 kids and Dads attended

Dine Out Nights (Beth Wisneski) October Noodles (still waiting for check) & Marble Slab \$260 Nov. Cal Tortilla \$400 and Ben&Jerry's \$50 Upcoming Dec.10 Buffalo Wild Wing and Marble Slab Creamery

6. New Business

January 8th workshop. Deborah Roffman will be returning with her workshop: Talk to Me First: How to have those all important talks on Sexuality. 7-8:30, babysitting availability is still to be determined.

Science Expo is 1/29/13 with a snow date of 2/4/13. If we use the snow date, then PTA meeting will be 2/7/13. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 by Tida.