

Bitterroot PTA Agenda
Thursday, May 7, 2015; 6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

"Life is only available in the present moment." - Thich Nhat Hanh

Attendees: April Keippel, Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, Shannon Wright, Jenny Jasper, Laura Lindseth, John English, Tari Erfle, Mary Rose Swan, Ariane Taylen, Bridget Cash, Colleen Oliver

Welcome and Introductions-Meeting called to order by April Keippel at 6 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -Minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website. Thank you to Jenny Jasper for taking and posting notes for April's Meetings.

Principal's Update:

- There will construction done in the school over this summer. Everything in the school must be moved out by June 8th. There will be two storage cars brought to hold the furniture. Boxes are still needed to help pack the Library and the teachers' supplies. There are ceiling tiles that are being removed that have a small amount of asbestos. There will be new ceilings installed, new lights installed, new windows installed and new ventilation systems installed.
- Next summer there will construction as well. The flooring will be done in half-sections. The first half will be done next summer. The second half will be done the following summer. One hallway has asbestos and some things will need to be removed at that time.
- The attic does not have to be emptied but it will be gone through to see if the items are still needed.
- There are Spring Field Trips coming up for the students and the Field Day is coming up.
- Yearbooks will be going home with students on Friday, May 15th after testing is over.
- Our school has been accepted to be a part of the "Project Lead the Way." This Program is "STEAM" based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics). This will involve having two teachers trained in the Program and an iPad lab with 30 iPads. The school must have \$17,000 to purchase one of the iPad labs. The sponsors will then sponsor another iPad lab.
- The Playground is on schedule to be completed this summer. This was purchased with Bonds. The installation has to be done by someone who is bonded. We will be having a Contractor putting in the Playground. The Baseball fields should be done in about one month. The fields will be done with sod and the rest will be filled in with spray-on grass.

Treasurer's Report:

- Regular Checking Account \$11,260.64
- Regular Savings Account \$7,987.78
- Classroom Carnival Checking Account \$4,493.85
- Classroom Carnival Savings Account \$0.01
 - Some teachers have not used all of their Classroom Carnival Funds from years past. (These are funds that are not held by the PTA but are held by Ms. Zimmerman.)

Budget Planning Meeting Debrief:

- April Keippel, Shannon Wright, John English, Mary Rose Swan, & Tari Erfle were on the Budget Committee. A Budget was proposed to the General Membership. The following items were discussed.
 - Recommended that the Read-A-Thon be a general event and not a Fundraiser.

- Mary Rose Swan made motion and Laura Lindseth second motion to keep this event as a Fundraiser. Motion passed. The line item was added back into the budget as a Fundraiser with \$2,300 in income and \$1,700 in expense.
- National PTA Grant for Healthy Lifestyles was only for one year. We will apply for this Grant again.
- Recommended to add funds for Appreciation and Awards to \$100.
- Recommended to add funds to Science Night to \$400.
- Recommended to add funds to Movie Night to \$600 as license cost has increased.
- Recommended to add funds to Health Night to \$150.
- Recommended to add funds to Meet & Greet Night to \$200.
- The line item that was “Nova Theater” has been updated to “Arts and Performing Arts” allowing for more options for next year.
- Recommended to reserve \$7000 at year end.
- The Staff/School Related Expense section does include a recommended \$10,000 for School Identified needs.
- IXL is not in the budget for next year as it was only a one year expense for PTA. It will now be funded by the Tech Levy.
- The line item for Misc Staff and Teacher Budget-Time Magazine was identified as an expense for the Second Grade.
- The line items for Academic Focused Events Expenses-Read-A-Thon, Science Night, and Health Night were identified as having Grant Funds used this year from the Healthy Lifestyles Grant.
- John English made motion and Ariane Taylen second motion to approve the Amended Budget for 2015-2016. The motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:→Labels for Education & Box Tops

- Labels For Education Funds are currently utilized for Gym equipment.
- Box Tops Funds are currently put into the PTA General Fund→Currently around \$1,400 earned this year.
- Box Tops and Labels for Education Contest #3 and Overall Contest will end next Friday, May 15th.
- The Committee needs more volunteers to help counting. Tari Erfle, Colleen Oliver, and Bridget Cash volunteered to help. The date and time will be discussed further within the Committee.
- Contest #3 winners will receive popsicles.
- Overall winners will receive Pizza party.
- Current leaders for Contest #3→Labels for Education: Ms. Frenk & Box Tops: Ms. Bumgarner
- Current leaders for Overall →Labels for Education: Ms. Bumgarner & Box Tops: Mr. White

Old Business:

Classroom Carnival:

- Income from Classroom Carnival \$2,804
- Expenses for Classroom Carnival \$600.84→There were donations included
- \$116 for each teacher→24 teachers participated
- What worked well?→Target bags handed out at the door for students to keep their goodies. The Face Painting was very popular but needed more space. Mrs. Hankins has offered half of her room for next year.

- What could we change? → Maybe look at having food for sale. In the past, the Third Grade Classes sold pizza. We had Panda Express donate the meal last year but they have new Management and this was not an option for this year. The Raffle Drawings were chaotic. We will look at doing the drawings “silent” before the end of the night and then post the winning names.

T-Shirt Designs for School Shirts: Designs were submitted by current Fourth Graders and current Fifth Graders. There was a vote taken for the designs to be made into the T-shirts for 2015-2016.

- Cole Gaskill – 4th Grade Winner
- Grace Adams & Alexis Hoke – 5th Grade Winner

Teacher Appreciation Week Updates: There was a breakfast, coffee morning, Blues BBQ luncheon and whistles were handed out at the beginning of the week.

Board Member Elections:

Treasurer-Motion made by Jenny Jasper and motion second by Mary Rose Swan for Cressida Carrol to be elected. Motion passed.

Vice President-Motion made by Bonnie Bear Don’t Walk and motion second by John English for Mary Rose Swan. Motion passed.

VP Acquisitions/Fundraising-This position will be eliminated from the Board at this time.

New Business:

May Movie Night:

- Friday, May 8th – “Annie”
- April Keippel and Jenny Jasper volunteered for the Movie Night. There will be water, popcorn, and grapes for snacks.
- The Movie Night might be a good chance for the PTA to announce upcoming events and to recruit volunteers for upcoming events.

Funding Requests:

- Ms. Redmond requested funds for a bus for a Field Trip. Field Trip money was used.
- Sixth Grade Celebration to Skate World. The parents of the Sixth Graders would like to have a picnic for the students at Hawthorne Park. They are requesting \$150. Ariane Taylen made motion and Mary Rose Swan second motion to approve the fund request. The motion passed.

Other New Business-

- Class Breakdown for 2015-2016
 - Kindergarten-Ms. Lumas, Miss Redmond, Ms. Perius
 - First Grade-Ms. Martin, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Dimock
 - Second Grade-Ms. Richardson, Ms. E. Miller, Ms. Pohle
 - Third Grade-Ms. Barrera, Ms. Voigt, Mr. White
 - Fourth Grade-Ms. Bumgarner, Mrs. Hankins
 - Fifth Grade- Ms. Frenk, Mrs. O’Donnell
 - Sixth Grade-Mrs. N. Miller, Mr. Croffutt
- Saturday Live! – April Keippel proposed changing from only bags of candy to mystery grab bags with some candy and some trinkets. It is nice to have the bags as they are easy to handle. We will continue with the candy grab bags.

- Classroom Carnival Funds from the past went to Mrs. Zimmerman. She still has some funds. She asks that the teachers use these funds by the end of the school year as they will not be carried over any further.
- In the Fall, we have a “Meet & Greet Night.” It was suggested that tours of the school be done for new families.
- Thank you to Bonnie Bear Don’t Walk, Shannon Wright and Stephanie Maroncelli for their service on the PTA Board. Their terms have ended with this school year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm by April Keippel.