

**Bond Mill PTA
Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
9/20/07**

Present: Kristen Ruiz, President; Howard Rosenberg, VP; Mark Brackett, Recording Secretary; Anne Karpman, Corresponding Secretary; Justin Fitzgerald; Pauline Belton; Elaine Oakes; Kathy Jacobs; Freda Ingram.

Absent: Liz Dwyer, Treasurer.

Guests: Lucy Erter; Rose Angie Pena; Abby Holmes.

Meeting called to order 5:05 pm

Guest Reports:

Parent Liaisons Lucy Erter and Rose Angie Pena discussed their roles and plans for the school year. Ms. Pena will investigate starting an after school Spanish Club. After discussion, the Board discussed and voted to hold an International Dinner including food, dance, clothes and flags on November 14, 2007.

Hospitality Co-Chair Abby Holmes reported that the first luncheon will be on September 25, 2007. All slots for future luncheons are already filled for the entire school year.

Freda Ingram presented a recommendation to the PTA to fund the purchase of the 12 volume set of DVD's entitled "Auto-B-Good Character Curriculum". The Board agreed to fund up to the \$600 purchase price with the caveat that we seek to find a better price on eBay, Amazon or elsewhere.

Pauline Belton presented a recommendation to the PTA to fund the purchase of binding machine and supplies costing \$900. The Board requested to delay a decision until after the binder is presented to the staff next Tuesday in order to receive their input.

Treasurer's Report:

Kristen reported for Liz the following:

All funds received through 9/14/07 have been deposited.

Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 8/28/07 reconciled.

(Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.)

We have paid for and received our bonding and liability insurance certificate directly from R.V. Nuccio & Assoc. This replaces the certificate the CPGCPTA failed to acquire on our behalf. (Copy of certificate provided.)

Teacher's certificates will be distributed in early October.

President's Report:

On October 5, 2007 the PTA will host a Room Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm and a Committee Chair Meeting at 7:30 pm. Mr. Fitzgerald will provide a copy of the Room Parent List to the PTA.

A Chess Club offered from vendor USA Chess was discussed. The cost was deemed too expensive and a parent volunteer option will be explored.

Spirit Wear sales will begin in October.

Latin Club was canceled due to a lack of sufficient sign ups.

Offering a French Club and/or a Soccer/Sport Club will be explored. An item will be put in a future Bulldog Bulletin to gauge interest.

Discussion of a "Kids Coupon Book" fundraiser was tabled until the October meeting.

Principal's Report:

A "Bond Mill Bricks" fundraiser was discussed. Engraved bricks would be sold to alumni and others and placed in a special walkway or possibly the atriums. The Board agreed this warrants further investigation and could be a good possibility for next year due to the lead time required.

An incident concerning a parent, who would not leave an allergy restricted lunch table, endangering a student who was present at the table, was discussed. A number of strategies were discussed to prevent future problems.

New Business:

Write-A-Book is underway. Packets were sent home earlier this year. Books are due prior to the Thanksgiving break.

All Book Fair proceeds will be used to purchase books for the school as budgeted (rather than taking a smaller profit in cash).

PTA Affiliation was discussed. Howard presented information from the PTOtoday website for review. After discussion it was decided that this issue

should be referred to a new "PTA Affiliation Committee" to be formed to investigate all aspects of a possible transition. The PTA will approach Monica Gribben to chair the Committee.

The School's website was discussed. The redesign was required to conform to new PGCPS standards. The PTA page still needs to be updated with the new officer information for this school year.

Mark reported that WSSC has a new policy to provide a maximum of 250 bottles of free water per year per organization. The Board will consider the best use for the free water.

Science Fair backboards will be available for sale either through the school store or through the PTA. Kathy Jacobs will confirm the supplier and prices.

The school is again this year entered in the ABITIBI Schools on Goal Paper Recycling contest for the period October 2007 through March 2008. The school can win a \$500 or \$1,000 dollar bonus. Last year the school won \$500. Mark will prepare an item for a future Bulldog Bulletin or PTA Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned: 7:06 pm.