Bond Mill PTA
Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
12/13/07

Present: Kristen Ruiz, President; Howard Rosenberg, VP; Liz Dwyer, Treasurer; Mark Brackett, Recording Secretary; Anne Karpman, Corresponding Secretary Justin FitzGerald; Kathleen Kennedy; Elaine Oakes; Umbrenda Fisher.

Meeting called to order 5:06 pm

Treasurer's Report:

Liz reported the following:
All funds received through 12/13/07 have been deposited. Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 11/29/07 reconciled. (Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.) Updated copies of the budget were distributed.

Approximately 13 teachers have turned in their reimbursement certificates.

Our 6-month CD is maturing and will be changed to a 12-month CD.

Bank account balance at 11/29/07 statement was $22,201.25.

Membership Committee:

Liz reported the following:
82% of families have joined the PTA.
Six classes have reached 100%.
Pizza party flyer was sent out.
A possible Membership Committee chair for next year has contacted Liz.

President's Report:

The kickoff for the Read-a-Thon fundraiser will be next Wednesday 12/19/07. Liz Steenrod, Kim House, Kristen Ruiz, Mrs. Albrecht, Mr. Alhadef and Mr. FitzGerald have done a tremendous amount of planning to get everything ready. Read-a-Thon will run one month from 12/19/07 to 1/19/07. Students will get pledges for minutes spent reading each day. A half-way point incentive will be an in-school sleepover for the top 20 students and a guest with Mr. FitzGerald hosting – possibly in footie pajamas.

Winter Concert logistics and general kid wrangling were discussed with a number of suggestions for improvement next time. The surprisingly poor concert etiquette of some of the parents was discussed – particularly those in the carpeted area who talked through most of the performance. The problem of unsupervised roaming by small siblings and recent alumni was also discussed.

Illegal parking at the Winter Concert and also at other events was also discussed. Enforcement will be stepped up with tickets and towing where required.

Corresponding Secretary:

Anne reported that greeting cards for staff have been prepared to go out and she is coordinating with Mr. Kirkland on gifts for bus drivers and others.

Principal's Report:

Justin reported that according to information in The Washington Post, Bond Mill is slated to become a PK-5 school. Other schools with gymnasiums will be PK-8. Bond Mill and the Laurel cluster/region will be the first to convert to the new model, possibly as early as next fall. Public Hearing will be in the spring.

Bond Mill received a plaque and recognition for our paper recycling efforts. We are the top recycler in the school system - apparently by a wide margin.

Justin has been in contact with Mrs. Emery to coordinate her help with the Art Program and Art Auction.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A request was made to have the Landscape Committee also address indoor plants that need to be repotted and cared for.

In May the Region 5 principals will converge on Bond Mill to observe classroom teachers, parent volunteers and our perfect children in action.

Meeting adjourned: 6:17 pm.