

**Bond Mill PTA
Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
3/6/08**

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

Guests: Lucy Ertter; Abby Rascoe

Meeting called to order 5:05 pm

Principal's Report:

The public hearings on the new school boundaries were discussed. Bond Mill was well represented with parents speaking both nights. At both public hearings almost every speaker was in favor of Plan B (keep the 6th graders in elementary school & no PK-8 pilot.)

The school board may be making their decision at their meeting on 3/13. The PTA will send home information to parents on how to contact the school board members and administrators to make their thoughts known.

The Student Council is sponsoring Spirit Week next week with special themes planned for each day.

Our MSA scores are very close to the 90th percentile. Our teachers are really pushing hard with a goal to get to 90% for both reading and math. Special rewards have been discussed if they reach the goal. MSA Reading tests dates are 4/1 & 4/2; Math tests are 4/8 & 4/9.

A "Name the Bulldog" fundraising contest was discussed.

Due to calendar constraints the 3rd quarter honor roll assembly will be pushed back to 4/4.

President's Report:

The flow of fundraising funds to the school was discussed. New communication channels were established to simplify the transfer of funds. The Board voted to transfer \$7,000 to the school before the end of March.

The "Bulbs & Cookbooks" spring fundraiser will kickoff on 3/25.

The Art Program was discussed. Due to prior commitments Mr. Taylor will not be able to produce items to be used in the PTA Art Auction. The date for the PTA Art Auction will have to be rescheduled.

In the meantime, a combination "Talent Show and Dinner" was discussed, possibly with a modest cover charge, with proceeds directed to the Art Program. The details and date are to be determined.

The Board voted to purchase a parent affiliation information kit.

The Board discussed finding a Student Intern to teach the Art Program next year. Some suggestions included: Towson; U of MD; and Baltimore Art Institute.

Fundraising to date has brought in less money than budgeted. Several options were discussed including: surveying parents for ideas; MindCore; Engraved Bricks; and the possibility of a one-time, set amount donation.

Treasurer's Report:

Liz reported the following:

All funds received through 3/1/08 have been deposited. Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 1/30/08 reconciled. (Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.)

Updated copies of the budget report were distributed.

Approximately 21 of 31 teachers have turned in their reimbursement certificates.

Quarterly Sales & Use Tax report for 4th quarter was filed. An adjustment for the sales tax collected for the Sally Foster fundraiser was sent.

Bank account balance at 1/30/08 statement was \$18,159.73.

Membership Committee:

Liz reported the following:

Approximately 90% of families have joined the PTA.

Ten classes have reached 100%.

Miss Audrey Randall from Mrs. McRae's class was the winner of the "Lunch with the Principal" contest.

Snow cone parties will be held in May when the weather is warmer.

Astonishingly, the PTA Directories were finally printed and distributed to all PTA Member families.

Old Business:

None discussed.

New Business:

Nominations for SY2008-2009 PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs are nearing. Committees needing Chairs this spring include: Membership; Ice Cream Social; Write-a-Book; and Nominations.

The Board discussed collecting school supplies for Nicaraguan school children. Howard will take the lead.

A Bond Mill parent is donating room size National Geographic world maps to the school which has the teachers very excited.

Meeting adjourned: 7:07 pm.