

**Bond Mill PTA  
Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
5/15/08**

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

**Guests:** Mrs. Blalock

Meeting called to order 5:02 pm

**Guest Reports:**

None.

**President's Report:**

Tickets and flyers for the Talent Show and Pasta Dinner fundraiser on May 28th, catered by Olive Garden, are ready to go out.

PTA Appreciation Dinner will be here at school on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Beautification Day was a great success. Special thanks go out to Tom & Kelly Krause, Lori Emmert and Javier Perez for all of their hard work.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents' information night for students going to MLK will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 30 parents attended the Open House at MLK last week.

The new Bond Mill PTO has been formed and incorporated. The application for 501(c)3 status is in process. A motion made by Mark Brackett and seconded by Howard Rosenberg to transfer all proceeds from the Carnival to the new Bond Mill PTO was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Liz reported the following:

All funds received through 5/14/08 have been deposited. Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 4/28/08 reconciled. (Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.)

Updated copies of the budget report and summary of the club accounts were distributed.

Approximately 34 of 44 teachers have turned in their reimbursement certificates.

Bank account balance at 4/28/08 statement was \$11,904.38.

Membership Committee Update: PTA membership has reached approximately 90%. Eleven classes reached 100%. The committee hosted a snow cone party on May 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate. It was noted that snow cones, served outside, tasted even better this time of year when the weather is warm.

Carnival Update: everything is ready to go for Saturday. Special thanks go out to Liz Dwyer, Linda Landau, Mary Lehman, Debbie Hoover and Anne Marie Hartranft for all their hard work preparing for the Carnival.

### **Principal's Report:**

The University of Maryland free golf clinic for 15 students after school on April 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success despite moving indoors due to the weather. We had 80 applications for the 15 slots. Justin will investigate offering classes next year. The cost would be \$30 per week for 6-8 weeks.

The "Art Education in Maryland Schools Alliance" art education grant fell through. It seems they were overwhelmed with applications and had to cut it off – we didn't make the cut this year but plan to try again next year.

Fourth grade teacher Patty Oldham was recognized as a Prince George's County Outstanding Educator of the Year at a ceremony held at Martin's Crosswinds on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> Bond Mill hosted a "Learning Walk" for ~60 of our Region 5 elementary and middle school principals. They observed classroom teachers and student behaviors and were duly impressed.

Next school year the Regions will be reworked. Instead of 6 Regions there will be 7 and they will be geographically "wider" rather than "taller".

For next school year we loose approximately 110 students dropping from 625 today to around 512 next year; school choice students will drop to about 10; we will loose 6 teachers, from 29 down to 23. In the following school year when we loose the 6<sup>th</sup> graders our enrollment is expected to drop to around 400.

Mrs. Fisher and her 4<sup>th</sup> grade class were recognized for their achievements in the First in Math Online Program. We have 16 teams in the program: one team is ranked #2 in the state of Maryland and #5 in the entire nation; one student is the #3 player in the state and another is #4 in the state.

Teacher participation in a reading clinic in Wisconsin this summer was discussed. The cost of the clinic is \$795 per teacher, plus travel. A decision on a contribution was tabled until after the Carnival receipts come in.

Several of our students participated in the Prince George's County Science Fair, namely, Camille Steenrod, Ashleigh Jacobs, Bria Simmons and Katie Ruiz.

**Old Business:**

We still need Committee Chairs for Ice Cream Social, Write-a-Book, and Recycling for next year.

Meeting adjourned: 6:36 pm.

**Addenda:**

Upon reviewing the preliminary results of the Carnival, by email vote, the Executive Board approved contributing \$1500 to defray a portion of the cost of the teachers' reading clinic in Wisconsin this summer.