

**Bond Mill PTO
Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
10/23/08**

Present: Howard Rosenberg, Vice President; Liz Dwyer, Treasurer; Mark Brackett, Recording Secretary; Justin FitzGerald; Umbrenda Fisher; Kathleen Kennedy. (Kristen Ruiz, President was unable to attend due to a recent illness.)

Guests: Dawn Bell; Kim Jones; Lucy Ertter; Debbie Teed, Mr. Bocage.

Meeting called to order 5:03 pm

Guest Reports:

Debbie Teed – Membership Committee: Currently at 75% participation, hope to reach 80% by December 31st; Staff is at 93% participation; Classes already at 100% include Mrs. Fisher's & Mrs. Verner's - who have earned a star for their door and free recess. Next up is drawing in January for a pizza party for all classes that have reached 100%.

Kim Jones – Spirit Wear: will be selling through October 31st; sales are going well.

Kim Jones – Box Tops: contest wraps up October 24th; expect to make another big mailing by October 31st; close to \$800 so far; reporting on website is slow; turn in Coke Points to Lucy Ertter or go directly to the Coke website.

Liz Dwyer (for Linda Landau) – Modell's Sporting Goods: we got a check for \$80 from Mo's from our Team Week back in the spring. The store manager (Cheryl Yff, 301-498-5900) would like to do another Team Week this fall. Will need someone to volunteer to pickup and distribute the coupons. Mo's would also like to work with Guidance to give quarterly incentives to students.

Liz Dwyer (for Linda Landau) - Book Fair: Total sales were ~\$10,000 with \$5,000 in "book profits". Sales were higher than expected (only a 15% drop in sales versus a 20% drop in students) so some additional staff got books – a list of staff allotments and money received was provided. Mrs. Knieriem will get an additional \$300 allocation. Dates are set for next year – first week of October. This committee will need a new chair for next year (for Linda Landau!).

Liz Dwyer (for Linda Landau) - Carnival: date will be May 16, 2009. As follow up to last meeting, the Playground Committee request to contact Carnival donors would be a conflict.

Lucy Ertter (not for Linda Landau) – International Dinner: planning is underway; last year was too big (read: successful), this year will be limited to 150 families. Board approved \$125 for incidental expenses.

Dawn Bell - Playground Refurbishment Committee: the Lowes Toolbox Grant application for \$5,000 was submitted October 14th. Made contact 4-5 vendors of playground equipment; provided information on playgrounds from Game Time; online research continuing; the safety of the current playground was evaluated and a number of concerns were noted - we are in immediate need of mulch! Received a \$1,000 donation; looking into a PEP grant; starting investigating a financial strategy; working with Mr. Kirkland to address County and School Board requirements.

Treasurer's Report:

Liz reported the following:

All funds received through 10/22/08 have been deposited. Data entered into Quicken and reconciled bank statement ending 9/30/08 was provided. (Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.)

An updated budget report was distributed.

Bank account balance at 9/30/08 statement was \$15,963.84.

Filed 3rd Quarter Sales & Use Tax.

The old PTA account has been closed.

Will work with Membership to determine number of families joined.

Confirmed eScrip account is set for PTO.

Final figures for the Fundraiser are not available yet. Need to confirm if Internet sales continue – if so, need to publicize in Bulldog.

President's Report:

The PTO's supplemental Art Program has started (water colors and Escher so far) and is going well for about two weeks now. Teachers and students are pleased.

The PTO would like to recognize and thank the following individuals:

Anne Karpman for her service on the Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary.

Linda Landau & Anne Marie Hartranft for their hugely successful work on the Book Fair.

The 40th anniversary of Bond Mill ES Committee still needs to be formed. We will need a Chair and parents, teachers and former teachers and students.

Principal's Report:

System-wide, all School Operating Resource funds (SOR) have been cut by 10% (or ~\$10,000 at BMES.)

At this time five of the Visualizers that the PTO purchased are out of service and in need of repair. It was requested that the PTO pay to repair the units. The PTO deferred action and may handle via an email vote or at the next meeting.

The Resource Fair hosted by the parent liaisons, Lucy Ertter and Rosa Pena, during the Book Fair Night, was very well received.

Old Business:

The PTO Directory is underway. The last update forms will be entered by the end of the month.

Digital cameras for each grade level: an item still needs to be prepared for the PTO and Bulldog newsletters asking for donations of cameras and accessories, such as memory cards.

PTO Website: we have registered our domain for one year and website for three years. Carolyn Vincent will help work on content.

Traffic signs needed to identify our school zone: two new neon traffic coats were generously donated to the school by the parents of Kaitlyn Johnston-Napora. On October 17th the County visited and assessed the school, new signs and paint are coming.

New Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55 pm.