

**Bond Mill PTO
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
8/20/09**

Present: Kristen Ruiz, President; Dawn Bell, Vice President; Carolyn Vincent, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Horsman, Recording Secretary; Liz Dwyer, Outgoing Treasurer; Justin Fitzgerald, Principal; Umbrenda Fisher, 4th grade teacher; Kathy Jacobs, 5th grade teacher

General Membership Present: Stephanie Brown, co-chair playground committee; Linda Landau; Debbie Fairall; Debbie Collins; Virginia Rinker; Brenda Bradley

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

General Membership Reports:

Linda Landau – Book Fair: Linda is handing over the book fair to Jen Hendershot and Crystal Tweedy for the upcoming school year. Kristen will provide Jen and Crystal with a list of which teachers will receive book money.

Dawn Bell and Stephanie Brown – Playground: There have been two meetings over the summer to review designs. All old playground equipment except the bus is to be removed. Learning Structures to have final renderings ready for review and approval by Friday. Kathy Jacobs suggested that the small basketball hoop should stay on the new playground. We have applied for and been approved as a non-profit for stamps – \$.12 vs. \$.44. Packets will be assembled which include renderings, brick and picket info, etc. and will be sent home with students instead of being mailed.

There is currently \$5,105. in the bank or pledged for the playground. Dawn and Stephanie will be doing a presentation to a private company who will likely make a significant contribution to the playground project. The Gingles family has donated \$500. The county has been approached for supplying protective ground surfacing in the form of recycled wood fiber (Fibar) for the playground. The committee will continue to follow up with the county as the playground project moves forward.

Bricks and pickets can be purchased as soon as possible by families and businesses in order to help with the second proposal and agreement payment to the playground design company, Learning Structures, Inc. If all bricks are sold, the net profit towards the playground project will be approximately \$34,000. Cost is \$100 for small brick, \$200 for large brick and \$50 for a picket.

Treasurer's Report:

All funds received through 8/1/09 have been deposited.

Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 7/31/09 has been reconciled.

Final budget for the 08/09 school year was distributed.

The 09/10 budget pending general membership approval was distributed.

Bank account balanced at 7/31/09 was \$27,229.24.

Liz' replacement, Casi, has stepped down. We need a replacement treasurer immediately. The budget is not approved and all funds are frozen until approval by the general membership. We need to secure nominees for treasurer and obtain approval by the general membership. Kristen thanked Liz for all of her hard work over the summer. Kristin will act as treasurer until a replacement is found. Carolyn will add a post to the PTO newsletter to ask for volunteers.

President's Report:

Icecream social to be held on 9/1/09 from 6:00 – 7:30. We have requested for Dryer's to provide the ice cream at no charge. Jen Hendershot and Liz Dwyer are coordinating the social.

A room parent meeting will be scheduled in September.

September 24th will be a fingerprinting night at the school.

Spirit wear sales will be started earlier this year. Kristen asked if we should keep the same design or change. Kristen will contact Kim Jones to see if she wants to head up the spirit wear again.

The time for board meetings was discussed. There were suggestions of alternating meetings monthly to have one month's meeting to be right after school and the following month's meeting at 6:00. For the immediate future, the board meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00.

Budget needs to be approved. Suggestions were given to announce a budget meeting well in advance of a meeting to approve where a detailed budget will be presented and explained to the general membership. Kristen will call for a special meeting to discuss and approve the budget.

Question was brought up during the President's report as to whether all supplies on the back to school supply list are necessary. Justin answered that all supplies are necessary but if a situation arises where a parent cannot provide everything on the list, there are no consequences to the student.

The meeting was beginning to run late so Kristen tabled the rest of the agenda to the next meeting.

Principal's report:

We have lost some staff from last year. We lost Lucy Ertter, our parent liason, Jane Beard, Brian Harris and Karen Barron.

We are sharing a parent liason with MLK. Her name is Christina Obregan. She is bilingual and should be a great asset to the school.

We have gained a new special education teacher. She is Jackie Cooper, 3rd grade MEANS.

Our enrollment has dropped from 540 students to 455.

We have a new PPW – Jennifer Achebodi.

The two temporary classrooms are now gone.

Changes to the staff could still come in September depending upon enrollment. We could possibly gain or lose one teacher.

Pre-K and kindergarten orientation was today and was a great success.

Our 6th graders are now at MLK.

We will see a great difference in the flow in the building without having to have the students leave the building to go to classes in the temp units.

There will be three lunch shifts this year. They will begin at 10:20. Pre-K, K and 1st will be the first shift, 2nd and 3rd in the second shift and 4th and 5th in the third.

Robert Pruitt, a 1st grade parent, works with a volunteer organization that has leadership symposiums for teens. On August 8th, some of the teens repainted equipment on the playground and weeded the gardens. Their work made a huge difference in the school's outside appearance.

On August 7th, ten students from the school were picked to meet the Secretary of Education and read with him. The program was called "Read to Top".

Our MSA scores last year were phenomenal. We scored 93.3% in math, 91% in reading and 90.2% in science. Our scores are the fourth best in the county. We are now an Area 1 school and are no longer in the autonomy zone.

September 24th is a fingerprinting night.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10pm

Submitted by:
Lisa Horsman, Recording Secretary
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Action items:

Kristen to call special meeting to discuss and approve the budget.

Carolyn to post need for treasurer in newsletter.

Carolyn to include survey in PTO newsletter regarding preferred time for monthly board meetings.

Carolyn will send email out regarding ecommerce.