

Birch Elementary PTO
Monday, October 20th, 2008

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Andrea Wallace

Old Business

September minutes were approved by Tracy Stegall and 2nd by Colleen.

Treasurer's report was given by Teri Ladtkow. Still owe Innsbrook about \$12,000.

Walk to school day went great. Was good to see staff up and down the streets greeting the children. Some kids were still wearing their pedometers. We earned \$12 for pedometer orders. For every extra pedometer that was ordered we earned \$1.

The people that helped the city of Broomfield put on the walk, Live Well Broomfield, might also be funding yoga for the staff.

New Business

Fall parties – Wendy gave an update on how it is coming along. Mrs. Peters will get a mom to do each party – not just one room parent. Make sure room parents double check with teachers when they are in the planning process. The teachers will help with allergies and other ideas. Also room parents need to coordinate with each other so each class has plenty and none go without.

Directory – Jim and Tina Cullen are doing the directory this year. They have encountered a few hang-ups with the system and forms that are still coming in.

Fundraising:

Innisbrook – about \$15,000 was raised which includes direct donations.

Popcorn Machine – Wendy Roth brought up the suggestion of investing in a popcorn machine that can be used at special events and maybe on Friday afternoons to raise more money. She brought catalogs so we could see what they looked like and what was available. The machine will have to be moved so a table top design would be best.

Pencil Dispensers – Wendy also brought the suggestion of buying a Pencil Dispenser. The cost will be about \$400. The dispenser will be put in the library possibly and will be assessable to all students.

Mrs. Stegall made a motion to support Wendy in attempting to get donation of popcorn machine and looking into it further and also for purchasing a pencil dispenser. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Race to Read – Colleen brought the idea of Race to Read which is a program sponsored by Bandimere Speedway. The approximate times will be from March to May. Will want to make sure that this doesn't conflict with CSAP's and spring break. Colleen thought that we could get a lot of involvement from the racers themselves being that only a few schools participate. It would cost \$200 and they would send us visual aids, recognition in press releases and items to send home with the kids. The children will have to read so many hours and they earn prizes based on how much they read which would include a pass to Bandimere Speedway.

Speech Therapy Request – Michelle Blatant is looking to purchase games, charts, etc. for her room at Birch. The materials would cost about \$220. There was discussion on special requests like these and how to handle them. Mrs. Stegall will talk with Michelle about her need for now.

Mrs. Stegall gave a report on the library monetary donation that was made last school year. Money spent so far went to: \$1202.95 on HP laptop; \$869 on projector for laptop; \$255 for listening center. There is \$2673.05 that is still left in budget. The laptop and projector is for all teachers to use. Birch now has a technology committee. Beth Murphy has taken part of a program called "Take Teacher Home". She records a book on an IPOD and the child can take that home and listen to her read the book.

Other Business

Wendy made the suggestion that we put more info on PTO in the Birch Bark such as where the money is going that is raised, wish lists (like popcorn machine), and thank you's.

Mrs. Stegall move to adjourn the meeting and Denise seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.