

## **Beattie PTO Minutes September 17, 2007**

**Present:** Beth Baldwin, Linda Rediger, Christie Dionisopoulos, Sarah Henning, Michelle Phillips, Amanda Penner, Shelly Hall, Tami Friend, Patty Pansing Brooks, Tami Petersen, Heidi McNerny, Lorinda Rice, Connie Heckman, Kelly White, Sonya Ekart, Nancy Fleck, John Mielak, Zoe McManaman, Cynthia Mohr, Lori Wennstedt, Lana Erickson, Jessie Heldenbrand, Jacki Rittscher, Andrea Cummings, Joan Kohel, Rhonda Fuelberth, Alan Reineke, Heidi Knorr, Kris Pollock, Carol Greenwald

**Call to order:** Beth Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Beattie School.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$20, 677.60. Report was approved.

**Principal's report:** Michelle Phillips reported that there are 439 students enrolled. The staff has been working in professional learning communities-their focus is on math computation. Next early release date is Tuesday, Sept 25 at 1:33 pm. A meeting for parents of gifted children will be held on Tuesday, Sept 18 at 6:30 at Beattie. Curriculum night had a great turnout of parents. Parent teacher conferences are October 9 & 11. The Parent Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, October 8 at 7:00 pm at Beattie. There will be no school on Monday, Sept 24. National Custodial Workers Day is Monday, October 1. A donation of \$5,000 has been given to the mosaic project.

**Teacher's Report:** Heidi McNerny reported that each grade has different PLC goals that they are working on this year. The third grade teachers have a Fund A Need request for a trip. The staff appreciates the treats that families bring for them. Lorinda Rice has received the Elementary Art Educator of the Year Award. Connie Heckman reported that Great Books for Great Kids is Tuesday, Sept 18 at Runza restaurants. A portion of the sales are donated to purchase Golden Sower books. An author visit has been arranged for this fall. Lorinda Rice reported that 2 artists will be coming to Beattie to work with students on the wall mosaic starting March 31. Original Works will be sent home mid October, so that orders will be received by the end of November.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Afterschool Clubs:** More discussion during October meeting. A Garden Club is being planned for spring. Chess, Art and Destination Imagination are being considered.

**Arts are Basic:** Sandie Hager and Pippa White gave an informational presentation on what Arts are Basic is and recent changes in the program.

**Best Choice UPC/Box Tops:** Last school year we earned \$1928 from Box Tops. Over 6500 Campbell's points were earned, they were used to purchase materials for health education. Please continue to collect and turn in.

**Bike Rodeo-**Date will be Friday, May 2.

**Computer Cartridge Recycling-**Please continue to turn in your used cartridges.

**Dictionary project-**The Rotary will be distributing them October 16.

**Fall Fundraiser**-Shelly Hall reported that we will be doing a new fundraiser this year that involves a week of reading.

**FunD Night**-Volunteers are still needed for games. Please contact Zoe McManaman. Sponsors are still needed for the inflatables. Raffle prizes are also still needed.

**Garden**-A Boy Scout has chosen a portion of the garden for an Eagle scout project. Mike Hillis and Michelle Phillips will be meeting with Dennis VanHorn regarding damage to plants from the construction.

**Individual Pictures**- Pictures were taken, retakes will be in October. Thanks to Audrey Willis for helping.

**Membership**-There are currently 21 staff and 132 parents as members. Heidi McInerny suggested that next year forms be distributed at the first staff meeting.

**Popcorn Friday**-Dates are Friday, Oct 12, Nov 9 and Dec 14. Help is needed for 2 hours in the morning for bagging on those dates.

**Room parent coordinator**-Some openings are available for semester coordinators. Fall party will be Oct. 31. Room parent meeting will be Monday, Oct. 15 prior to PTO meeting.

**School Directory**-Alan Reineke will coordinate information exchange. It was suggested that teacher/staff emails also be included in book.

**Staff Appreciation**-Lori Wennstedt has sign up sheets available to bring staff treats.

**T-shirts**-Andrea Cummings reported that 200 shirts were sold. Will be here in 2 weeks.

**Yearbook/classroom pictures**-Alan Reineke requested help in putting the yearbook together.

#### **New Business:**

**Committee chair openings**-Beth Baldwin reported there are openings for committee chairs for the following committees: Box Tops, Safety Committee Chair, Science Fair (K-4), Sports Day/Fun Run.

**Parking**-The Parent Advisory Committee will be discussing the parking issues, please bring ideas and comments to the October 8 meeting.

**Other**-It was suggested that the Connect Ed message be posted on the Beattie website. It was discussed that Lost and Found be donated quarterly to allow families time to identify lost items.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Dionisopoulos  
Secretary