Banks Elementary PTO
Joining hands to support our children's future…
Meeting Minutes October 06, 2011

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View our Google Calendar at:
https://www.google.com/calendar/feeds/bankselementarypto%40gmail.com/public/basic
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Meeting commenced at 7pm
Those in Attendance: Amy Updike, Sue Bair, Solina Krickovich, Bobbie Gregg, Bob Huston, Leslee Sipp, Tiffany Harrison, Cindy Caldwell, Dan Benson, Stacy Carmichael, Cynthia Rieben, Julie Petersen

7:00-7:05 Welcome: Amy Updike
Introductions & Additions to Agenda:

7:05-7:10 October Meeting Minutes Sue Bair
Review & Approval:

- Reviewed Oct 2011 meeting minutes.
    - Update on open AR: McTeacher night – Solina followup with Deanna, possible replacement for SkateWorld for Outdoor School?
- Motion to approve: Cynthia
- 2nd to approve: Solina
- Approved.

7:10-7:15 Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Gregg
Review of any changes, Approve or Reject:
Summary of accounts - October 2011

- Beginning balance: $17908
- Total Receipts: $707
- Total Expenses:$6584 ($6386 transfer to curriculum fund)
- Ending balance: $12031
- Total for Textbook fund? 10K
    - Has there been any new paypal donations since School District meeting? No, but Bobbie will verify
        - AR: Bobbie to verify if there have been any new Paypal donations since 10/10/11

Funding Requests: Bobbie Gregg Approve or Reject

- None

7:15-7:30 Principal's Message: Bob Huston *Information and Q&A*

- Feedback for conferences luncheon - the teachers enjoyed luncheon, but traditionally in the evening
- 93% parent participation in conferences, 6 teachers had 100% participation
- Thank you to the School District Board for collaborative work with PTO to make the math adoption happen, we appreciate them taking a risk with so many other needs out

there.

- Library made a profit of $3K on the book fair this year. This will go towards new books for the library.
- State report card – narrowly missed an Outstanding rating
- Title1 program is off to strong start. 90 students participating
- School Site Council met on 10/26. This is a meeting to discuss school with cross-section of parents, teachers, employees, etc. Talked about:
    - School goals
    - AYP and State Report card
    - Voice levels in the building – 100% buy-in from teachers, ~80% buy-in from students
    - Math Adoption Program
    - Counseling services – 3 counselors, going moderately well, extreme needs are all being addressed, now working on others
    - Budget Issues – 2012-2013 will be toughest budget in recent history. Not getting any more $, there will be no improvement
    - Future Halloween protocol – will continue encouraging children to bring costumes to school, but not wear all day.
    - 4th grad class sizes – goal for next year is to have 3x5th grade sections
    - Future Meeting Dates:
        - Jan 18, 3:30 pm, library classroom
        - April 18, 3:30 pm, library classroom
        - Next meeting will talk about new open enrollment/interdistrict transfer law. By March, the school district needs to set limits as to how many new students it can take
    - Need to get more parents to serve on this committee
    - Each teacher will be soliciting at least one parent to from their class to participate
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7:30-7:40 Harvest Fest (Nov 10th) Julie Peterson *Discuss & Delegate*

- 1 week away, everything is on-track.
- All time slots are full, 45 high school/jr high volunteers
- All booths are in order; we have a golf game that we're not sure how to run.
- Need a tarp/drop cloth for pumpkin bowling – Staci or Bobbie
- Helium tank for balloons, decorations – Staci
- Need help with setup – don't know exactly how many to be there.
    - Start setting up at 3pm
- Cost is same as last year
- Stickers will go out on day-of – give to recess teachers – Dee Jackson, Patty Miller - need to inform them of how to do it.
- Hoping to get new FlashAlert system by then to send out note
- How are candy donations going? – 6500 pieces so far.
- Need to approve Subway sandwiches
    - Going to feed the student volunteers
    - $400
    - Motion to approve: Sue Bair
    - 2nd to approve: Cynthia Rieben
    - Approved.

7:40-7:45 Box-Tops/Labels Update Cynthia Reiben *Info:*

- Had 9 volunteers help count sort
- Boxtops total = 5659 = $565.90. Our goal is $1500 for the year, we have 2 more collections this year.
- Top class was Mrs. Ferrigan, Wilmoth was 2nd.
- Labels – 2081 pts, top class Mrs. Ferrigan, goal is 10K pts for the year.
    - Teachers are ordering items (K teachers all did)
- Next submission will be in Feb.
- Mrs. Ferrigan's class party will be this Wed.
- Ford is having sweepstakes that you can win 200K boxtops. Watch videos and get 25 boxtops for the school. http://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/btfe/:b=ie9/?affiliate_id=1b

7:45-7:50 Holiday Scrip Sales Bobbie Gregg *Info & Delegate:*

- Buy gift cards for face value, but store sends a percentage to the school.
- 2 diff companies, 1 run through Tigard, 1 through Great Lakes.
- Goal is to kickoff at Harvest Fest,
- Weekly orders, submit Tues, pickup Fri.
- Amy can help with pickups.
- Send flyers home, table at Harvest Fest,
- Go with local vendor

7:50-7:55 Holiday Concert Update Amy Updike *Info & Delegate:*

- Dec. 15
- Cindy Caldwell is director
- ~70 kids showed up
- Piano player lined up for rest of practices
- Few older children want to do solos – figure out a way to work into the concert
- prelude music? Instrumental music on CD
- Winter clothing drive at the concert
- Bring some cookies – homemade or store-bought
- Need more parents for afterschool practices for crowd control.
    - Only had 1
    - Tiffany can help

7:55-8:00 Open/Q&A's All *Discussion:*

- HealthSource Chiropractor would like to offer 10min massage services to the teachers as a thank-you,
    - Date - Dec 1, will come to school
    - Does this violate TSP? Is it worth more than $50? Avg cost of a massage is is $1 per minute, so there are no violations.
    - Do sign-up sheet, have snack.
- Flash Alert email system going online in about 3 weeks. Should be able to use this system for PTO communications as well.
- Idaho Exchange students need homes – 4 16-year-old boys from Asian countries.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 10th – Harvest Fest

Nov 14th – District School Board Mtg

Dec 1st – PTO Board Mtg

Dec 15th – Christmas Holiday Concert

Thank you for your willingness to help!

Welcome to the PTO team!

Secretary	Anesa Enderle	
Assistant Treasurer	Deanna Steiner	
Volunteer Coordinator	Dan Benson	
Box Tops & Labels For Ed	Cynthia Reiben	
Brave Run Chair	Leslie Peterson	
Harvest Fest Chair	Julie Peterson	
Internet Communication	Jodi Privatsky	
Paper Publicity	Jenelle Delaney Photographers	Polly Zechmann & Lori Alley
PTO Shopper	Julie Peterson	
Spiritwear Coordinator	Tiffany Harrison	

Staff Birthday Cards	Cindy Caldwell
Volunteer Coordinator	Dan Benson

<u>Ways YOU can help:</u>

Brick Sales
Holiday Concert Food
Team Read Coordinator

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Harvest Fest – Nov 10th

Time: 5 or 5:30? To 8 or 8:30?

Planning Meeting: Oct. 13th at 7pm in BES Library

Chair: Julie Peterson, we'll need lots of volunteers for this community building event.

Proceeds go to: Math Books this year.

Candy: 1 bag of candy per child from parents & they are invited to bake something for the bake sale.

Booths:
dance revolution, donut strings, concessions, and games & candy at every booth.

Vote Gametruckparty - We need to vote on funding the $300 for the gametruckparty.

That's it---come to the meeting on the 13th to sign up and help!