

Banning Lewis Ranch Academy PTO
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009

1. The regular meeting was called to order by President Kristy McAllister at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the library.
2. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. All present said the Peace Builders Pledge.
4. Roll call was taken and the present board members were Amy Esquivel, Kristy McAllister, Sophie Hansen, Tricia Greene, Ms. Gresham and Mr. Dinnel.
5. Kristy McAllister made a motion to adopt the as presented. Amy Esquivel seconded the motion. All present approved.
6. PTO Board Elections. Introductions were made for those current nominees of Jeff Polk for President, Erica Martin for Vice President and Deann Barnett for Treasurer. Nominations were taken from the floor for Secretary and included CJ Abbott and AJ Rotante. A vote was taken, the ballots were counted and the vote verified by Yancy Eldridge, BLRA School Board President. AJ Rotante was named Secretary. All present approved the nomination of Jeff Polk to President, Erica Martin for Vice President and Deann Barnett for Treasurer. The appointed position of Fundraising Coordinator was approved by all present to include co-chairs of Shana Nibert and Sophie Hansen.
7. Administration/Staff reports –
Ms. Gresham reported that the NEHS induction ceremony went well and thanked all parents for their support. The NEHS held their first meeting and are coming up with service project ideas.

The SAC representative asked about the progress of the First Aid Kits. Kristy is still waiting on a needs list from the nurse. In the meantime, she will work with Kat Brownsberger to get the supplies together and get the kits in place.

Ms. Ferguson reported that the 6th grade will be having a yard sale on May 2nd to help pay for their field trip. Donations can be dropped off on May 1st. Middle School will be posting a bulletin board outside of the library with upcoming events and information. 6th graders will keep all proceeds from their Family Night auctioned baskets to also help defray costs of their trip.

Mr. Dinnel welcomed the new board and thanked the old board for their work. He reported that promotion day for Kindergarten, 5th grade and 8th grade will be June 5th. Field Day will be coming up. 6th grade field trip is coming up. ITBS is in May. He discussed the possibility of some teachers looping next year. He reported on the following needs if PTO has the funds to help with any of them: Upgrade phone system, provide exterior cameras, furnish science lab with safety shower wash.

8. Discussion Items

- A. Fundraising – Allocation of Family Night funds. Expected proceeds should be approx. \$4000. The needs of the school are as follows:

1. Library – has requested \$500 for purchase of books. Mr. Dinnel stated that a school grant will be providing approx. \$18,000 for this within the next few weeks.

2. Upgrading the phone system at an approx. cost of \$300-500.

3. Shower in science lab. Could run over \$5000. Mr. Dinnel will be checking into a more exact estimate.

4. Exterior Cameras – 8-9 needed at \$1000 each plus DVR upgrades around \$3500.

B. Spring Daughters Ball – April 25th. 6-8 p.m. \$10 per child. Games, Dancing, Cookies and punch. Photo also included with price of admission. Fathers, mothers, grandparents, guardians - all are welcome.

C. Hospitality – Teacher Lunch is Friday April 17. This is parent provided and they have enough salads donated already. Will need help with set up and clean up. Teacher Appreciation Week – they are trying to get as many donations as possible and will purchase what they can't get donated.

D. PTO Member's Appreciation Night – 2008-2009 PTO Boards last meeting May 12th. Looking into getting food donated, if not potluck is a possibility.

E. Uniform Resale – planned by 2009-2010 PTO Board – Kristy will provide packet to new president. New board will be responsible for holding uniform sale and working out details with Mr. Dinnel. Parents have asked that the sale be held after school lets out since uniforms are still in use until then.

9. Audience Comments

Yancy Eldridge commented on comments made about the PTO Board and an e-mail he had received regarding behavior. He emphasized that both the PTO and the School Board work together for the sake of our children and asked that all parties work together to ensure the good of our children's school.

Kat Brownsberger spoke as the School Accountability Committee PTO Representative about parents feelings on school uniform enforcement. Several parents expressed their feeling that the uniform policy has been in place for quite some time and parents are aware before enrolling their children. They expect disciplinary action to be taken when there is non-compliance. Mr. Dinnel expressed concern that uniform issues take away time from other important disciplinary actions. Kat will report her finding to the SAC.

10. Consent Agenda

Amy Esquivel motioned that the minutes from the March meeting be approved as presented. Kristy McAllister seconded and all present approved.

11. Specific Actions considered by the PTO Board:

A. Allocation of funds from Family Night – Kristy McAllister motioned that this item be tabled until the May meeting to give more time into the estimated costs of each need. Amy Esquivel seconded and all present approved.

B. PTO Members appreciation night – Kristy McAllister motioned that this item be tabled until the possibility of donations was looked into. Amy Esquivel seconded and all present approved.

12. Future Business: A list of estimates for Family Night fund options will be provided to membership prior to meeting if available. Donations for food for the next meeting will be looked into.

13. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Kristy McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:030 p.m.

Approved May 12, 2009