

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

1. The regular meeting was called to order by President Jeff Polk at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2009 in the library.
2. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. All present said the Peace Builder's Pledge.
4. Deann Barnett made a motion to vote for new secretary candidate, Jennifer Thomas. Shanna Nyberg seconded it. All present voted aye. Jeff Polk introduced Jennifer Thomas as new secretary for the 2009-2010 school year.
5. Jeff Polk proposed to adopt present agenda with the addition of the PTO Today Membership Renewal form. Deann Barnett motioned to accept the agenda, and Shanna Nyberg seconded.
6. Roll call was taken and present board member were Jeff Polk, Deann Barnett (treasurer), Shanna Nyberg (fundraising co-chair), Jennifer Thomas (secretary). Erica Martin (vice president) was not present due to an emergency trip.
7. Administration and Staff Reports:

Eric Dinnel was present and announced the purchase of three new copiers. One in the library and two for the staff room. Also, the gym floor had been repainted with new lines for basketball and volleyball and new logo.

With the addition of the new Spanish teacher expected to accept the position, the school teaching staff was complete. Ordered all curriculum furniture with the CE Grant with initial amount \$150,000 and an additional supplemental grant of \$14,000 to be used in August. Also received \$18,000 worth of new books for the library. Mr. Dinnel also announced that twenty new Mosaica teachers were meeting at BLRA the week of July 20, 2009 from two other schools (Star Academy in CO and a Fort Collins school) for training led by Curriculum Specialist Carrie Polk for three weeks. He reported a new full time counselor and back-up dean/athletic director curriculum person in the office. More money is being allocated for teachers and support staff this year. One person will act in the response to intervention role. He then opened up for questions:

How many student are currently enrolled? 703 children, budgeted for 625. Very good and means more funding from the state.

When will get information for initial testing of our children? Teachers will call parents the week of August 27 and set up a time for children to come in for testing. Times will be posted at Stallion Round-UP day August 4th.

Dibbles will be first, and possibly Scantron. He also mentioned Power School help keep teachers accountable since it's supposed to be updated weekly.

Can we get a PTO email and separate phone line? The phone capabilities are maxed out and no more lines were available. Nancy was to make a formal request for an email address.

Can we share parent survey results? Yes, if only school data is discussed and personal comments are left anonymous.

Mr. Dinnel commented that You and I Catering was being employed again for school lunches again this year. Parents present commented that they would like to

know what specifically would be served each day.

Mr. Dinnel would look into it. He said any other option for food service would have cost a lot more and would raise the price of lunches even more. You and I is all inclusive regarding accounting, staff, etc.

Jeff skipped ahead to discuss fund raising ideas so Mr. Dinnel could leave sooner. 1) Can we sell popcorn and drinks during movie night without damaging new gym floor? Yes, with the use of floor covering mats that are available. 2) Can we have a virtual Stallion spirit wear store with a general stock of t-shirt and hats? Needs to be generic so as not to conflict with athletic apparel. Mr. Dinell emphasized that only the three approved could be used. Ultimately they needed to be sold through the screen printer in order to avoid a sales tax license.

Mr. Dinnel reported that new landscaping bark was needed and that we could enroll parent and students to spread it for volunteer hours.

8. Treasurer's Report: Deann Barnett said she had not received any bank or accounting information from the former treasurer, except an un-opened bank statement. All agreed that only the person it was addressed to, Kristy McCallister or Nancy Daily should open it for legal reasons.

9. Fundraiser's Report: Shanna said ABC Fundraiser had been approved and contracted for 9/4/09-9/18/09. Heather Cockerham said Entertainment books were going to be sold by the Booster Club and would overlap with ABC fundraiser. Shanna would have to bring this issue up at the upcoming board meeting and let them decide how to resolve it. Shanna also reported that the Chik-fil-a night would continue this year on every 3rd Tuesday. The Kids Korner fundraiser was scheduled again for 12/1/09-12/5/09.

10. Discussion Items:

A. Review Fundraisers 2008: Jeff noted that we did not have any numbers yet on last years fundraisers and proposed we look at the parent survey done at the end of last year. The ABC fundraiser, Chik-fi-la and Walk to School Day were rated the highest. Entertainment books were rated really low. Deann suggested that fundraisers be noted in the weekly newsletter put out by Tammy Crafts as a reminder to parents. Also to note it on the calendar on the school website. Walk to School Day, though not a fundraiser, would be a great time to get parents signed up to be a PTO member. Jeff noted that on the survey many parents wanted to just donate money. He asked for ideas on a polite way to ask parents to donate. Perhaps, add to the \$10 PTO membership fee, donating money in place of volunteer hours. A discussion about how to hold parents accountable followed. Deann commented that the PTO was sending a mixed message to encourage parents to donate cash yet wanted them to volunteer too. Jeff said the survey should be taken into consideration.

B. Popcorn machine training: Jennifer Thomas volunteered to learn machine and serve popcorn at the Stallion Round-up. Need to find someone to purchase supplies at Sam's Club.

C. Stallion Round-up plans: Someone is needed for the uniform resell and the popcorn machine.

D. Movie night planning: Was decided that sports and Paragon night schedules would dictate when movie night could happen. Mike Thomas has volunteered to learn set-up of machine and screen.

E. Secretary Vacancy: Was filled by Jennifer Thomas

F. Appropriation of resell funds: It was noted by Heather that money already raised and allocated can be used at the PTO's discretion. Vote for allocation of funds later.

G. Coordinate people for teacher training: Need several to serve food to

teachers. Dean Barrett would look for volunteers.

H. Renewal of PTO membership form presented was voted on. All were in agreement that it should be done by 8/12/09.

11. Consent Agenda: Jeff moved to approve June 2009 minutes, Jennifer seconded. All were in agreement.

12. Specific Actions to be considered by PTO

A. Memberships fee stays at \$10.

B. PTO Today membership is due 9/30/09. If renewed by 9/15, there will be a \$50 discount. Deann Barnett said she would take care of it. Jeff motioned to approved the current fee, Deann seconded it, all were in agreement.

C. Committee reform and consolidation: Jeff moved to move vote to next meeting when Erica is present. Need to add more information to form as to what people are interested in volunteering for.

D. Appropriation of uniform resell funds: Jeff motioned to put funds in general account. Jennifer Seconded it and all were in agreement.

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Future Business: A. Jeff volunteered to make copies of uniform resell form and tags.

B. Agenda to be presented at next meeting.

Next Meeting/Adjournment: Jeff announced the next meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. He adjourned meeting at 8:20pm

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