

Banning Lewis Ranch Academy PTO
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

1. The regular meeting was called to order by President Kristy McAllister at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the library.
2. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call was taken and the present board members were Amy Esquivel, Kristy McAllister, Sophie Hansen, Tricia Greene, Ms. Polk, and Mr. Dinnel.
4. Kristy McAllister made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of a dollar amount to spend on the Spring Ball under Action Items. Tricia Greene seconded the motion. All present approved.
5. Ms. Polk reported that a BLRA 7th grader will be competing in the State Spelling Bee.

Mr. Dinnel reported that CSAP's went well. ITBS testing will be May 11-15th. SCANTRON online assessment has been approved and may or may not replace ITBS testing in the future. They hope to use this before the end of the year and in future may use up to 3 times per year to assess students progression. He also reported that our school will be featured in the national publication, *Charter Schools Today*.

6. Treasurer's Report – Tricia Greene reported that there was approx. \$6577 in deposits, \$1082 in expenses leaving \$4400 that has not been previously earmarked.

7. Discussion Items

A. Agenda – location for posting of the agenda will remain on the school front doors.

B. Yearbook – need a new coordinator for next year or can possibly turn over to middle school to take as a club.

C. Elections – nomination forms are due March 20th, voting at April meeting.

D. Hospitality – teachers will have a lunch the last day they are here. 10 restaurants are donating food for the Parent Teacher conf. days. The April lunch will be parent provided. Teacher Appreciation - the coordinators are looking to do a breakfast bar, taco bar and gift certificates for teachers.

E. Fundraising –

ABC Fundraiser brought in about \$3000

Spring Ball – tickets will be \$10 per child. Expect to spend \$500. Not expected to make money, just something fun for families.

Family Night - expect \$1500 in expenses. Scheduled for May 15th.

Popcorn Friday will be the 2nd Friday of each month.

Chick-fil-A - \$150 was made in Feb.

Can Recycling – brought in \$33 since Jan. since the price of aluminum has gone way down. May consider turning over to the Green Club.

F. Playground mulch – \$800 was needed to get the playground in compliance with safety standards.

G. CSAP Snacks – PTO has provided funds in the past to pay for snacks during this time. Mr. Dinnel estimated that it was around \$285 for the week. A figure of no more than \$300 was discussed.

8. Audience Comments

No audience comments at this time.

9. Consent Agenda

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

10. Specific Actions considered by the PTO Board:

A. Agenda – A motion as made by Kristy McAllister to approve posting of the agenda on the front doors of the school. Sophie Hansen seconded and all present approved.

B. Playground mulch – Playground need to be in safety compliance. \$800 was needed to get in compliance. A lump sum for this had already been approved at a previous meeting so no additional voting was necessary.

C. CSAP snacks – Kristy McAllister motioned that the PTO allocate \$300 to cover the costs of the snacks. Tricia Greene seconded and all present approved.

D. Spring Ball – Tricia Greene motioned that the PTO allocate \$500 for the expenses of the Spring Ball. Kristy McAllister seconded and all present approved.

11. Future Business – Meeting every other Monday for Family Night committee. Sophie Hansen sends out reminders via e-mail, so if anyone would like to be included in the planning, please let her know. Upon receipt of invoice, CSAP snacks will be paid. Upon receipt of invoice, playground mulch will be paid. Elections will be at the April meeting.

12. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Kristy McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Approved April 14, 2009