

Banning Lewis Ranch Academy PTO  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2009

1. The regular meeting was called to order by President Kristy McAllister at 6:07 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 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, Ms. Gresham and Mr. Dinnel.
5. Kristy McAllister made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Treasurer's Report due to an absence. Amy Esquivel seconded the motion. All present approved.
6. Administration/Staff reports –

Ms. Gresham reported that ITBS testing is going well. Family Night is being promoted in the classrooms. She submitted Grant Applications from teachers for review. Mr. Dinnel reported this is the last year for funds from a grant the school has received. Second and third grades will be receiving SmartBoards with the grant funds. The new teacher assignments for the 2009-2010 school year are out. Send your requests to Ms. Crafts, however they cannot guarantee placement in the requested classroom. He reported on the classes still needing teachers and their goals for middle school teachers. Field trips are being planned and please contact him if there is an issue with paying for field trips. Special Education negotiations are ongoing. Graduation ceremonies for kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are being planned. They are hoping to bring Kids Stage productions next year. There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 26<sup>th</sup>. He reiterated the needs for possible funding with Family Night funds: 1) Upgrade phone system, 2) Exterior camera system 3) Drop down mics on the stage 4) Stage lighting, curtains and risers.

7. Treasurers Report –  
Due to an absence there was no treasurers report. The information will be e-mailed out at a later date.

8. Discussion Items

- A. Family Night – volunteers are needed
- B. Allocation of family night funds – the areas Mr. Dinnel discussed were explored and it was decided that the phone system upgrade would be the most urgent item to fund.
- C. Allocation of funds for movie license for movie nights – It is either \$75 per event or \$400 for the year. It appears to be more cost effective to pay the \$400 and the license can then be used by all groups (school board, PTO, Booster Club, middle school, etc.) at BLRA. The school has created a school event committee and the movie nights as well as Skate City nights and the Daughters Ball will be planned by this committee since they are fun events and not necessarily money makers.
- D. PTO Grant Applications – the submitted grant applications were discussed and it appeared that the most urgent items were funding for the graduation

ceremonies and field day. All other items were to be tabled for the new board to decide whether or not to allocate funds.

#### 9. Audience Comments

Natalie Gryba thanked the current PTO Board and shared her hope that the new board will live up to the high standards that have been set. She also volunteered to donate \$300 towards the graduation ceremonies so that the current PTO funds will continue to help upgrade necessary items at the school.

#### 10. Consent Agenda

Amy Esquivel motioned that the minutes from the April 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 – Amy Esquivel motioned that up to \$2,000 of proceeds from Family Night be allocated to upgrade the school phone system. Sophie Hansen seconded and all present approved.

B. PTO Grant Application – Kristy McAllister motioned that \$100 be granted to fund Field Day supplies and the donated \$300 from Ms. Gryba be used to fund the graduation ceremonies. All further grant applications will be tabled for the new PTO Board to allocate. Sophie Hansen seconded the motion and all present approved.

#### 12. Future Business:

- Renewal of PTO Today to be considered by 2009-2010 PTO Board
- PTO Board Insurance Coverage is available through PTO and was recommended to the 2009-2010 Board
- Uniform Resale – to be considered by the 2009-2010 PTO Board
- Any tabled items are to be considered by the 2009-2010 PTO Board
- Walk Your Child to School Day – to be considered by the 2009-2010 PTO Board
- 2009-2010 PTO Membership fees and future PTO meeting dates are to be considered by the 2009-2010 PTO Board at the July meeting.

13. Due to conflicts, the 2009-2010 PTO Board has decided their next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Kristy McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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