



**Bierbaum Elementary School
Parent-Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2011**

Present: Beth Janzer, Kathy Medina, Barb Fuglsang, Sarah Flagg, Jason Wescoat, Jane Hanewinkel, Julie Mataya, Marie Dilg, Becky Diel, Shannon Myers, Christine Faulkner, Dan Faulkner, Linda Davis, Jody Jennemann, Krisy Roberts, Ken Smith, Jeremy Booker, Brit Rose, Mark Brilllos, Joe Lamprich, Tina Kult.

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36 pm

Introductions

Minutes of January 5, 2011 were approved

Sarah Flagg: Editor of the Mehlville Patch, an online newspaper. They cover local and breaking news. It was launched in November, here, and there are others around the city.

President's Report: The Magic House lost money. We make about \$400 from Culver's plus \$35 in tips. The district is now charging for copies – cheap. The office supply budget is \$300 - \$400 which isn't used much so the money will come from there. A motion was carried to pay the district fee rather than buy our own paper and have to keep track of it that way. Valentines Day parties were great and if you have pictures, please send them to the PTO as neither photographer was there that day. Board Positions are up for election next month, so if you are interested be at the meeting or let someone know in what position you are interested. There are 8 positions opening this year and another 3 next year. Bounce U was canceled due to the lack of interest in other events lately.

Principal's Report: Math Mania is 2/17/11 from 5:45 – 7:00. Project ENGAGE donated 82 recipe acks to Feed My People and about \$200 was raised to pay for perishables. We applied to be a School of Character, but didn't get it this year. A flyer will be sent home about Chess Club being offered for 5 weeks after school. The cost is \$50/kid, they will meet twice a week for 60 minutes, and will take a Field Trip. Teacher of the Year: Alison Helmer. Support Staff of the Year: Meg Maxheimer. Jeremy Booker was honored as one of the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals' (MAESP) Assistant Principals of the Year. The 2011/2012 School Calendar is out. We are partnering with Faith Lutheran Church for free tutoring. Retired teachers are coming to school and donating their time. Workbooks for Summer from Teachers Lounge (by Culvers) will be offered this year. It costs \$500 for Wednesday Envelopes this year. PTO will provide dinner for teachers on the Tuesday night conferences again this year. MAP: April 5, 6, and 7 (Grades 3 – 5) and April 12 – 14 (Grade 5 – Science). 5th grade will visit Buerkle Middle School on April 26, DARE graduation May 6, and Final Party May 13. In the next two weeks there will be a program on Good Touch/Bad Touch.

Communications: Newsletter will be out next week. Culver's flyer will be out soon and 1/25/11 is Magic House.

Treasurer: No report

Fundraising: Mardi Gras: March 5, 2011. So far we have more volunteers signed up to work which is good. Spring Fundraiser – Pastry Puffins. Incentive 40% return, if no incentive 55%. We will go with no incentive, but offer Principal for the Day and Assistant Principal for the Day. There are no dates at this time.

Picnic: Permits are filed and all is going well. Tables and tents are being set up by the company providing them this year. We are purchasing some games this year to have on hand for other activities as well as the Picnic. The school we got games from for the Fall Fundraiser is closing, so we may purchase some from them.

Technology: We are getting more FB views – about 80 people.

Great Lakes Script: Order canceled as one order wouldn't pay to ship.

Social Activities: Flyers are printed

Box Tops for Education: No report

Soup Labels: No report

Printer Cartridges: No report

Spiritwear: No Report.

Membership: No report

Programs: Magic House will be scheduled for MLK day 2012. It costs \$1000.00 which is non-refundable, but this is the first year for a poor turnout. Friday, April 15 will be a Family Fun Night featuring Baked Goods. For \$10.00 you can paint a tile (Mother's Day) as well as purchase Pizza by the slice for \$2 as well as other beverages and snacks. It will run from 6:30 – 9:00 and will require you to pay in advance.

School Services: No Report

Scholastics: March 7 – 10 with a Carnival theme. Chris Cakes will be flipping his pancakes Monday Night at the Family event from 5:00 – 7:30. We will need lots of tables. Know a juggler? It was suggested to contact Abra Kadabra about possible jugglers. If Kristy and Jeremy dress up we get \$25.00 in free books. Tuesday the fair will be open until 7 pm.

Wednesday Folders and Publishing Center: Laminator being taken to Earth City for repairs.

Bosnian Liason: No report.

District Liaison: No Report

Historian/Decorating: Board looks good (Bulletin not PTO)

Old Business:

New Business: 3/22/11 PTO Today in St. Charles – let Beth or Ken know if you would like to go. 4/26/11 final Culver's Night.. Mrs Kennebeck is retiring, Mr. Brannan had hip replacement. Beth invited nine School Board Candidates to the next meeting. We may need to move to the cafeteria.

Adjourned: 7:40pm