

Breakfast Point Academy PTO Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2009

6:00 PM

Tara called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Cady Fundraiser

There is a high volume of traffic in mornings and afternoon. Please follow the cones that have been put out. Don't stop in the drop off lane. SAC is working to provide some extra parking. We are not allowed to enter the bus loop. Tara asked for any other suggestions. Mrs. Kelly answered the various questions regarding parking from the parents. She said it was okay to park to the side of the cafeteria, but be careful of the sprinkler heads. Gravel was denied last year and SAC will address it again this year. It has been said that the parking is adequate for the size of our building.

Car Tags

We ran out and the new order arrived today. Car tags should be going home with the children next week. 1st car tag is free, 2nd one is \$5.

T-Shirts

We anticipated a high volume of shirts that would be needed for our kindergarten and new students. But, the shirts have sold beyond what we anticipated. We had to switch vendors. Hoodies have been ordered. The shirt orders that have been made will be filled. As of tomorrow, shirt orders will be suspended until our new designs are available. Working on a new magnet that will be identifiable—the design is yellow with the back of the stingray that says "Feel the Sting". Everything will be online so you can view it and make orders. A parent asked when the new designs will be ready. Tara suggested within a couple of weeks.

Cady Fundraiser

The Cady Fundraiser Kick-off is on Sept 21st. The program is improved this year with better items and instant prizes. The K – 2nd kickoff is 8-8:30, 3rd-5th grade is 8:40-9:10. We earn 40% of sales. This is a fantastic fundraiser.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held on Nov 7th from 12 – 4. We are in need of volunteers. Parents should check with your room moms to see what they need for their booth and auction baskets. There will be a Fall Festival planning meeting. Please plan to attend if you would like to help. We plan to set up so it is not so spread out. Bingo and Silent Auction will be in cafeteria. Mrs. Kelly suggested that Auction and Bingo be held in the Art room. We have a parent that has offered to bring in the concessions for the festival. They have a trailer and can prepare hamburgers, drinks, and fries. Beach Bouncers will donate the bouncers to us again free of charge this year. We had good raves on our Fall Festival last year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Health screenings went well because of volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers for the Book Fair. And we already have volunteers lined up for Fall Pictures on the 24th. Students do not have to wear school uniform on picture day, but clothing needs to be appropriate for school.

Miscellaneous

- Arnold High School Homecoming Parade is this Friday. Students can wear Marlin colors for \$1.
- It was clarified that Breakfast Point Academy T-Shirts are school approved for everyday. They are part of the approved school uniform.
- We will have \$1 day fundraisers.
- We make no money on yearbooks – yearbook forms went home and form is also online.
- PTO purchased planners and folders for the school. K-2nd has folders and 3rd-5th has planners.
- PTO has provided landscaping for the school, planners & folders, Riso copy machine (PTO pays for the master copies and supplies for the Riso machine). Mrs. DeAbate added that the teachers use the Riso a lot during the school year and that it is very helpful. We have also funded field trips and purchased Christmas for kids.

Spirit Shop

It is coming! We have a great group of parents that have agreed to manage it. We are revising it a little. We want to make it healthier. It will be open all 4 Fridays of the month. K – 2nd will go one Friday and 3rd-5th will go the next Friday. This gives each grade an opportunity to go every other week. School merchandise, snacks, pencils, spirit items are available. Spirit shop generated \$200 - \$400 a week. The yearly profits were \$3,600 last year.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Liz Ray, gave the Treasurer's Report.

SAC Meeting

The next SAC meeting is October 22nd at 2:30 in the Library. Bring questions about parking to this meeting. Mrs. Kelly explained that Student Advisory Council is the governing board for the school. PTO reports in, various committees give their reports, and curriculum is discussed. Paige Weislow is the chairperson.

Prosperity Bank

Josh and Krista from Prosperity Bank spoke to the parents. Prosperity supports every school in the county. They offer an account called the School Spirit Account. The idea is that everyone that banks with Prosperity and chooses to support BPA, Prosperity will make a donation to the school in the amount of 1/10 of 1% of supporters account balances. Since BPA has been opened, they have donated over \$1,000 and they believe that not everyone on the Beach even knows how this works. The majority of people in our community are not taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. It is a great concept and we need to get more people involved. Josh offered the use of their copier. They are also required to donate 4 hours of their time per month to help in the school.

Suggestions for Fundraisers

Candus Dell suggested a Father/Daughter Dance and a Mother/Son Baseball Game.

Playground

Last year we wanted to put the playground in. But, the PTO was literally buying staples and other various items for the school because of budget cuts. We have decided that the playground will be developed in phases. Donations from \$1 Fridays will be designated to Phase 1 of the playground. We are currently working on the budget for the playground. We have a new catalog from Little Tikes that has been approved by the District and the prices are excellent. A parent suggested searching for and writing a grant to fund our playground. We will investigate this further. We are not allowed to have West Bay's playground equipment. They do not plan to close West Bay. One parent suggested that there should be water out on the playground. Mrs. Kelly will check on that.

Other Parent Suggestions

- \$1 Friday Calendar for parents so they know ahead of time what each Friday's special requirements for dress will be.
- April Patrick announced that they own a landscaping company and would be willing to donate pine straw or other landscaping materials, weed control, etc.
- One parent asked if we had any custodians. Mrs. Kelly explained that we have one custodian and three maids. District does not pay for any custodians. We need more than one custodian, but we have no money in the budget for it.
- Mrs. DeAbate explained that she does an enrichment program with the students called Pollution Solution. They pull weeds and do other beautification projects to make the campus more enjoyable.

DeeDee Adams announced that PTO has an open door policy. Someone is usually available at the school. Please bring any questions and concerns to us.

Next PTO meeting will be October 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

