

**Bond Mill PTA
Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
1/23/08**

Present: Kristen Ruiz, President; Howard Rosenberg, VP; Liz Dwyer, Treasurer; Mark Brackett, Recording Secretary; Justin FitzGerald; Kathleen Kennedy; Elaine Oakes; Umbrenda Fisher; Kathy Jacobs.

Guests: Linda Landau; Monica Gribben; Councilmember Tom Dernoga

Meeting called to order 5:05 pm

Guest Reports:

Linda Landau, Carnival Chair, provided a list of “lessons learned” and suggestions that were collected at the end of the Carnival last May. The list was discussed and most all of the suggestions will be implemented.

Linda Landau, Book Fair Chair, discussed the dollar amount that is granted to each teacher to purchase classroom books. After review and with the input of the teachers present it was decided to keep the amount the same as last year.

Monica Gribben, PTA Affiliation Chair, provided additional information for discussion concerning our PTA affiliation at Bond Mill.

Treasurer’s Report:

Liz reported the following:

All funds received through 1/9/08 have been deposited. Data entered into Quicken and latest bank statement ending 12/28/07 reconciled. (Copies of Quicken reconciliation reports submitted to President and Secretary at meeting.)

Updated copies of the budget report were distributed.

Approximately 16 of 31 teachers have turned in their reimbursement certificates.

Our 6-month CD was renewed rather than converted to a 12-month due to the fact that the 6-month rate was higher than the current 12-month CD rate.

Quarterly Sales & Use Tax report for 4th quarter was filed. We are investigating whether the sales tax payments we collected for the Sally Foster fundraiser should be processed by the PTA or by Sally Foster.

Bank account balance at 12/28/07 statement was \$19,507.14.

Membership Committee:

Liz reported the following:

85% of families have joined the PTA.

Ten classes have reached 100%.

Mrs. Fisher has helped encourage the teachers to get their certificates turned in.

Mrs. Hyder's class was the winner of the Pizza Party on 1/11/08.

President's Report:

The Art Program was discussed. Due to requirements at her art store, Mrs. Emery will not be able to run the Art Program this year. Kristen & Justin met with Mr. Edward Taylor regarding a contract to produce items to be used in the PTA Art Auction. After discussion the Board recommended proceeding with Mr. Taylor. Kristen & Justin will follow up. The date for the PTA Art Auction will have to be pushed back.

The Read-a-Thon fundraiser has ended and the money is starting to come in. The mid-point, in-school sleepover incentive for the top 20 students and a guest with Mr. FitzGerald hosting (reportedly not in footie pajamas) was a rousing success. Special thanks were extended to Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Oldham and Kristen Ruiz for stopping by for part of the evening and to Liz Steenrod, Kim House, Alan Reid, Amy Brennan, Anne Marie Hartranft, Rebecca Boss, Lia Simmons and Evette Gonzalez for toughing it out for the whole night.

Principal's Report:

PK-8 and PK-5 was discussed. The school board, while still supporting the change in concept, has placed the changeover on hold due to the cost and budget concerns. They are thinking of possibly rolling out PK-8 as a pilot with one PK-8 in each of the regions.

Regardless of the PK-8 issue, Bond Mill's student boundaries are still likely to be affected by the opening of the new Laurel-Beltsville Elementary School in August 2008. Bond Mill is expected to lose students.

The PTA will send home a letter to parents with additional information. Public Hearings will be coming up soon.

Old Business:

The lunch and recess committee has been in touch through email and is expecting to meet again soon.

Justin will include an item in an upcoming Bulldog Bulletin announcing the availability of Entertainment Books for sale as requested by several parents.

New Business:

Ms. Jacobs reported that the School Store would open for business on or about February 1, 2008.

The 6th graders will again this year run a chocolate treat fundraiser for Valentines Day to raise money for their end of year activities (activities our 5th graders will be totally gyped out of if they have to go to middle school next year – not that we're bitter.)

Meeting adjourned: 7:02 pm.