

**Pinchbeck Elementary School
PTA Board Meeting
May 20, 2010**

Present:

Jennifer Davis
Jeanie Drummond
Kirk Eggleston
Jennifer Emory
Liz Farber
Paul Fincke
Liesel Geiger

Cara Genovesi
Jessica Haddad
Jennifer Haueis
Marie Hess
Robin Jager
Brooke Khan
Becky Myers

Marie Ramkey
Alicia Shelton
Louise Stephens
Michelle West
Kelly Whitley
Petra Zerbst

Opening: The regular meeting of the Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA Board was held on May 20, 2010, in the Pinchbeck library. Liesel Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Liz Farber moved that the minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting be approved. Alicia Shelton seconded. The minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting stand approved.

Officer's Reports:

President-Elect – Liz Farber reported that she has contacted past and future board members regarding transitioning. Individuals should get together to pass on binders. She also sent an email to the Pinchbeck Dads looking for one or two individuals to take over the board position. Finally, the Running Club celebration will be this Saturday.

Vice-President – Kelly Whitley reported that Young Scientists visited several classrooms this month. They did a lesson on energy in third grade, plants in first and will be visiting fourth grade later this month to discuss watersheds. The picnic will be on June 4th from 6pm to 8pm. Families should bring their own picnic dinner. Baked goods and drinks will be sold to benefit the maintenance of the garden. Canterbury Garden Club and former principal Tammy Jones will be in attendance. The Outdoor Classroom will be dedicated to Tammy Jones and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Activities will include sidewalk chalk, face painting and dancing to the tunes of DJ Seccia. Kelly also reported that she and Jessica McClane will be cleaning out the PTA closet on May 28th. If anyone has input on what should be kept please contact Kelly.

Treasurer – Robin reported that the books will be closed on June 30. Please turn in receipts by early June. If you have any changes to your budget let Liz Farber or Robin Jager know.

Committee Reports:

Arts in Education – Liz Farber reported for Michelle West. The theme for Reflections next year will be "Together We Can". Karen Schwartzkopf is working with the fifth grade on the essay contest.

Book Club – Liesel Geiger reported for Felicia DiPaulo. Felicia is working with Mrs. Ruffa on the Benfer Awards for reading that will be presented at the final recognition assemblies in June.

Carnival- Jessica Haddad reported that the carnival will begin meeting in June.

Community Service – Liz Farber reported for Michelle West. Blue Star never responded regarding sending letters to service men and women and toys to children in Afghanistan, so there was no service project in April. The final service project will be the fifth grade Change for Charities. If you have any suggestions for next year, please contact Michelle West.

Field Day – Marie Ramkey thanked all the volunteers for their help. Field Day was a huge success. Since she purchased the t-shirts at a discount she was able to buy an awning and still had some money left.

Marybeth Graff – Jennifer Davis reported that she has not received any applications for the scholarship. She has contacted Daniel Graff to see if it is possible to open the scholarship up to other fields of study. She is waiting for a response.

Room Parents – Jennifer Haueis reported that Teacher Appreciation Week was a success. She has received many thanks from the faculty.

Recycling – Cara Genovesi reported that recycling is finished for the year. Mrs. Houghtaling won the contest with 366lbs and Ms. Spital came in 2nd place with 266 lbs. The total was over 1,000 pounds.

Yearbook- Liz Farber reported for Kelly Faglioni. There are still about 75 yearbooks left. They can be ordered at the picnic. Kelly would like to use Jostens again next year. If you have any feedback, please contact her.

Principal's Report:

- Thank you for making Field Day fun and successful.
- Thank you for all your help with the Outdoor Classroom. It has been used a couple of times already.
- The fourth grade has received a \$500 grant from Luckstone for the growing project. The money is to be used toward the second phase which will include distance learning with other schools, particularly schools overseas. The classrooms will communicate and learn about what is being grown in different parts of the world. The fourth grade grew lettuce this spring and had a salad party to celebrate their success. This is a cross curriculum project.
- The school has received a Special Education Grant. The grant will provide promethean boards in collaborative classrooms (one for each grade level) and inclusive classrooms.
- There will be an empty fifth grade classroom next year. This room has a promethean board and will be a math and science center. Teachers may sign up to use the classroom.
- As part of a government stimulus grant each elementary school in the county received a grant for a Math Teacher in Residence for one year. Todd Smith will fill this position at Pinchbeck. He will work with teachers and students. He will use the extra classroom to teach lessons. A third grade teacher will be hired with a one year contract.
- Pinchbeck has received approval for renovation. Next year will be the planning and budgeting phase. Renovation will begin in the summer of 2011 and should be complete by 2013. The renovation could include safety improvements, a new library or other building, and possibly promethean boards in every classroom.
- Next year is the 50th anniversary of Pinchbeck.

Housekeeping:

- Liesel Geiger reported that the recent work on the Outdoor Classroom came in under the budgeted \$1200. The dirt and mulch only cost about \$900 thanks to the hard work of Chris Alburger.
- There is money (\$3000-\$4000)
- in the budget to purchase something for the school. There are several items up for consideration. They are a promethean board for the library, i-beams for the classrooms that do not currently have a promethean board or i-beam, or digital cameras. Liesel Geiger will talk with Principal Eggleston to see if there are any other ideas. She will send a list of options to the board, in hopes that the board can vote on June 3 and the general community can vote on June 4 at the picnic. Anything purchased by the PTA must benefit all the students at Pinchbeck.

Announcements:

- Fri., May 22 Running Club Event, 9:30 am, GHS track
- Mon., May 31 Holiday
- Thurs., June 3 Final Board Meeting, 7pm Liesel's House
- Fri., June 4 Outdoor Classroom Picnic/Dedication
- Wed., June 16 Recognition Assemblies; 3rd and 4th 8:30 am, 1st and 2nd 9:30 am
- Thurs., June 17 Fifth Grade Graduation & Party
- Fri., June 18 Half Day – Last Day of School!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Marie Hess

The minutes were: ___approved as submitted

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