

NORTH BEVERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO MEETING

Monday - March 5, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Hayes, J. Flewelling, C. Allen, M. Morency, L. Coult, S. Wallace, A. Kearney, C. Rowe, L. Johnson, Y. Rep, M. Kluge, C. Ingelson, P. Colahan, K. Daly, S. Goodwin, J. Solimeno, L. West

DR. HAYES:

Dr. Hayes opened the floor for all questions. He graciously answered each question presented to him.

He informed the PTO that he currently spends most of his time working on the FY '08 budget and the BHS construction project.

Dr. Hayes explained that the school committee has been able to close the gap a bit on the FY '08 shortfall. They have been able to do this by cutting expenses and increasing revenues. Unfortunately the City of Beverly will be getting less money from the State and he expects the school budget to be short by more than 1 million dollars. The top three expenses effecting the budget are;

1. health insurance (the largest budget line item)
2. utilities (the current contract is about to expire and the new estimates are substantially higher), and
3. out of district special education tuition (an estimated increase of 6-10%).

They expect the BHS construction project to begin in the fall of 2007. The project is estimated to take 2 years to complete.

He stated that North Beverly Elementary budget is level funded and the staff is stable.

The School Committee will have a public hearing on April 10th. He encourages the Citizens to come out and speak!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amy Kearney, Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	\$24,891.72
Income:	+ 164.88
Expenses:	- 4,900.80
Ending Balance:	\$20,155.80

COMMUNICATIONS:

None submitted

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Allen thanked the PTO for their contribution to the hand sanitizers that are being stationed throughout the school.

COMMITTEES:

- a. Room Parents:
nothing to report
- b. Enrichment Programs: (Carolyn Ingelson reporting)
There are no programs for the month of March. In April, our students will enjoy Young Audience and Bamidele Dancers and Drummers. North Beverly received a \$500.00 grant which was used towards the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers.
- c. City Wide PTO: (Paula Colahan reporting)
The recent meeting was brief. The City Wide PTO is getting ready to kick off their backpack drive.
- d. Adopt- A-Book:
Flyers are forthcoming in the near future.
- e. Vice-presidents: (Susan Wallace and Lisa Coultis reporting)
They announced that Lavender's shall be the new vendor for our Fall Fundraiser. Among other things, customer service and a user friendly system make it an excellent choice for our school.
- f. Yearbook:
All photos (except for the 5th grade musical, must be in by March 9th).

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Spring Fundraiser:
The children will be selling money calendars. They will be sold during the month of April. Each child will receive 5 calendars to sell at a price of \$10.00 each. The maximum for each family is 10 calendars. The calendar will be for the month of May. There will be a winner each day during the month of May. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to improve the lighting in the Cafetorium.
- b. Box Top Submission:
Yvonne Rep has submitted the Box Tops. North Beverly has earned \$284.10.
- c. Hand Sanitizers:
North Beverly has received a \$160.00 anonymous donation towards the purchase and installation of 42 hand sanitizers. The PTO also contributed to this cause. The installation process has begun and they should all be in place shortly.
- d. Potential new vendor for Fall Fundraiser:
Lavender's has been selected. See Vice-President's report above for details.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. PTO Nominating Committee:
Amy Kearney will organize a list of names of interested parties. Anyone interested in participating please get in touch with Amy.
- b. April Coffee:
A parent coffee is to be planned for April. More details to come.
- c. Fifth grade class trip to Canobie Lake Park is planned for June 14th.
- d. Field Day will be Friday June 8th, rain date June 15th. (Kelly Daly in attendance)
- e. North Beverly Scholarship:
A \$500.00 scholarship has been approved.
- f. School t-shirt, sweatshirt, etc. sale:
Look for order forms in April.
- g. Officer Brian Long will be in attendance at the May meeting. Officer Long will discuss child safety. The material to be discussed may not be appropriate for children.
- h. BHS Up All Night
A \$100.00 donation was approved for this event.
- i. North Shore Vocation Tech - Up All Night
A \$100.00 donation was approved for this event.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: (Mrs. Flewelling in attendance)

1. The various Beverly School web sites will undergo construction.
2. The possibility of having a Site Counsel liaison was raised. Anyone interested in attending these meetings and reporting on same, should contact Mrs. Flewelling.
3. The MCAS will be taken between March 19th and April 4th.
4. There will be an open house at the school on March 22nd.
5. Report cards will be issued on March 23rd.
6. The Harlem Rockets will perform for the children on March 15th. That same evening, Mrs. Flewelling and Mr. Belmonte will participate in a basketball game of City Staff Members and Harlem Rockets. This will be a fundraising event to benefit BHS.
7. Mrs. Flewelling thanked the PTO for the ice cream party and Family Fun Night.
8. 50% of the books earned by the school from the Book Fair shall be children's books and 50% shall be teacher development books.
9. The 5th grade musical will be taking place later this month.

10. Mrs. Flewelling is grateful for the hand sanitizers that are being installed throughout the school.

NEXT PTO MEETING:

May 2nd - 6:30 PM