

Buckeye Valley West PTO Minutes  
General Meeting  
May 2008

Tabatha Walls, President called the meeting to order. There were thirteen people in attendance with Principal Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Lathrop and Mrs. Sestrich representing the school administration. Everyone introduced themselves and gave the names, ages and the teachers they have.

Principal's Corner: Ms. Lewis talked briefly about the school board plan to go to the voters again in November, not in August.

-Field Day and Volunteer Recognition Day is on the same day. Teachers and Staff are going to bring in desserts for volunteers to come into the library and enjoy all day.

-Summer school forms have gone home and came back. The school district is wanting to help fund summer school. The district wants to have small groups with a small ratio of teacher to students or to use a program online. It will probably start in July and goes through August, so that there won't be a break before the regular school year starts.

-The Bug Club is to encourage students to bring up grades. It is aimed at the students who never get on the honor roll.

President's Corner: Pretty gift bags were given to Carol Allen, Chair of SCRIPT, Linda Fischer, Market Day Chair and Gigi Chetock, Spiritwear Chair from Tab Walls for their volunteer work for PTO.

Minutes: The minutes from April were distributed and read by all present. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Linda Fischer and Kristina Clingan seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The (In a nutshell) treasury report was given by Lisa Beck. A detailed Treasurer's report can be found on the BVW PTO website. Kristina Clingan made a motion to accept the report. Linda Fischer seconded the motion.

-Lisa Beck points out that the projected teaching requests on the 2007-2008 Budget Report looks like it went over budget. There was extra money left from last year's budget. Ms. Lewis needed it for the book room.

-Book Fair money is included in PTO's money. Maybe next year we can make a separate line item for Book Fair.

-PTO expenses was more than what was budgeted because Lisa Beck, Treasurer had to purchase new Quick Books.

-Teacher Appreciation Week was budgeted at \$500. Tab states that not all of her receipts have been turned and accounted for. This year the teachers had lunch catered by Crazy Charlies for \$100. The restaurant gave Tab Walls such a great price to thank the teachers for doing such a great job.

SACC has not been included in the recognition days so far. They are not paid by the school district. Their salaries are paid by the parents who use their service. Linda Fischer suggested that whoever is in charge, send a notice home with the SACC students to let the parents know it is SACC Appreciation Day. Mrs. Lathrop suggested having one appreciation day for all teachers, staff, bus drivers, secretaries, custodians and SACC because it gets so confusing.

-Tab Walls said that Jennifer Westover wanted to add to the proposed Budget for 2008-2009 . She asked to make a line item for \$1000 for Family Reading Night. She spent \$800 this past year. Projected Teaching Requests for Funds now includes Study Island which cost \$1850, FROGS for \$500 and \$250 for Art Wall. Kelly Rock suggested boosting up the Projected Teacher Requests for Funds another \$1000 to \$7400.

-We talked about the idea of separating Right to Read line item from Artist in Residence. Mrs. Sestrich is in charge of Right to Read. It is geared toward all of the students, K -5 Mrs. Lathrop is in charge of the Artist in Residence. It is for the students in K-2 only. We will keep the two together for right now.

-Concert Gifts is a line item of \$100 for a chairperson to purchase and present gifts to the Music and Art teachers before the opening of the Winter and Spring Concerts. There is no one chairing this as of right now.

-Staff Holiday Recognition was cut from \$200 to \$75. Donuts, coffee and juice works better, since it is hard for the staff to get to school early enough to eat a big breakfast before class starts. Red Ribbon Week: we are going to leave the same amount in the budget and adjust it later if we need to.

-Bug Club was reduced from \$1000 to \$250. Ms. Lewis will match funds from her Principals' fund. If she needs more money, she can request it.

-Academic Achievement Certificates is a line item to buy the certificates for the third, fourth and fifth graders.

-There have been complaints about the changes made to Field Day. If anyone disagrees with the changes made and would like to change it back so that the PTO purchases and cooks hamburgers and hotdogs, they need to get their friends and come to the meetings to vote on changing 08-09 budget.

-Every elementary school in the district and the highschool pays \$100 to send the fourth graders to the Central Ohio Symphony Orchestra in Delaware(COSO).

There is line item set aside for playground maintenance, which is for the staining the wooden equipment, buying mulch or maintaining the fence. Everyone wants to know if this money could help pave the driveway. The district is responsible for maintaining the driveway and there are drainage problems that has to be fixed before it is paved. Several lightweight tables will be purchased spending around \$300.

-Kelly Rock makes a motion to take the Fletcher Award off of the budget. Kristina Clingan seconds the motion. The PTO would give a student, a former student of Mrs. Fletcher, the balance that remains from the Award money.

-Kristina Clingan made a motion to approve the 2008-09 Proposed Budget. Cheryl Curie seconded that motion.

#### Requests for Funds:

Linda Fischer, Market Day Chair asks for \$85.40. This covers the cost of a welcome pack for all 400 students, which is a bag with coupons, pencils, stickers and information about Market Day. Lisa Beck made a motion to accept the request and Kristina Clingan seconded it.

#### New Business:

Nominations were made for officers for 08-09 school year. Amber Thompson is nominated for Vice-President by Kristina Clingan. Cheryl Curie nominated Kelly Rock for Vice-President.

There are 12 yes votes for Kelly Rock to become Vice-President and 0 no's. There are 12 yes votes for Cheryl Curie to become Treasurer and 0 no's.

-Open chair positions were discussed. Kelly Rock volunteers to be the chair for the directories. She will contact Donna Richards to get the Excel file used last year.

-The Ice Cream Social needs a chairperson. There is no budgeted money for this event. It is an open house for students and their parents to meet their teacher and take a tour of their classroom. Kristina Clingan volunteered to chair this event along with help from April Scowden and Kelly Rock. Kelly Rock suggested giving information to parents as they walk in, so that they can read it at home before school starts.

-Fall Fundraiser update was given by chairpersons, Kelly Rock and Cheryl Curie. The sale starts on Sept. 11 and ends on Sept. 25. If we just have some stragglers and get them in between Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we can have them delivered Thursday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old News:**

-With Secret Santa last year, we did not have a limit or cap on how much kids in need could spend. Almost \$800 was spent on these certificates. Some students spent \$60, \$70 or \$80 each on gifts that PTO paid for. A show of hands voted yes to make Secret Santa a fund raiser. It won't be a big fund raiser, but it will make some profit.

-Lisa Beck states that the Carnival made \$6,566 this year. Last year, the Carnival made \$5000.

-April Scowden had an idea for a fund raiser maybe in the place of, or the addition to the Carnival. She went to Smith Elementary Art Fair. Last year, the school made \$18,000 for the PTO. Somebody might donate an old chair. The art teacher and students would make a hole in it, paint it, decorate it and put a plant in it. Other donations would be a week at a cabin or vacation home to be auctioned off. One principal donated a meal that she would make for six people. All the items or services would be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The sale started at 6 P.M. and ended around 8 P.M. There were no children in attendance, only parents, other adults and the auctioneer.

Linda Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. April Scowden seconded the motion.