

Minutes of Birch Hill Elementary PTO

December 9, 2010

Julie Robert	Ali Novak	Kerry Pillsbury
Kathy Speidel	Dan McGrath	Sarah Searles
Julie Kelly	Mark Lucas	Kailey Pullen
Chris Paluzzi	Stephanie Finn	Tami Belanger

Sarah Searles, co president, called the PTO meeting to order at 9:40 am.

President – A few comments from Sarah Searles: Zimmerman’s Mountain Sports is offering 10% off the entire purchase of products throughout the winter season to friends of Birch Hill. They will also give 5% to the Birch Hill PTO. The Holiday Fair was a success. The PTO donated a \$35 gift basket to Bridges Domestic and Sexual Violence Support.

Principal – Mark Lucas introduced the student Principal and Vice Principal for the day – Chris Paluzzi and Kailey Pullen.

Vice-Presidents – Ali Novak distributed the staff thank you notes.

Treasurer – Denise Closson presented the Treasurer’s Report. The Holiday Fair raised approximately \$1,500 and a small amount was generated from the school store. The dollar figure from the Shorty’s Fundraiser is not calculated yet. The Yankee Candle Fundraiser raised approximately \$7,900. Julie Robert made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Julie Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the treasurer’s report was accepted.

Secretary – The minutes from the November meeting were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The minutes need to be revised to reflect Dan McGrath’s name as ‘Dan’ and not ‘Mark’. Denise Closson motioned to accept the minutes. Julie Robert seconded the motion and the secretary’s report was accepted.

Ways and Means – Thank you to all who participated in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. The orders will be distributed soon. Thank you to all who participated in the Shorty’s Fundraiser. **Thursday, December 9th** is the Birch Hill night at the **Toy Spot** on Northeastern Boulevard. 15% of purchases will go directly to the Birch Hill PTO.

Friday, December 10 is the parents night out at **Time to Clay**.

Activities – The Holiday Fair was a success. Thank you to all who participated. A suggestion was made to have a separate committee next year and to divide up the tasks. There is a **movie night planned for January and a Dance in February**.

Historian – Pictures were taken at the Holiday Fair by our historian and will be posted to the website.

Hospitality – Treats were given to the teachers during the conference day. There will be a **soup luncheon for the teachers in February**.

Math Superstars – Math Superstars is running smoothly. Jen Bowman is helping with the copying. **The week of December 20th there will be a “Cookie Decorating Party Contest”**. The class with the highest percent participation will have the class cookie party. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Programs – The PTO contributed to the 5th grade field trip to the Museum of Science (\$250)

Nurse – Kathy Speidel mentioned that she needs little girls’ underwear size 6!

The next PTO meeting will be held on Friday, January 14, at 9:30 am.

Tami Belanger made the motion to adjourn. Ali Novak seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelly, Secretary