

Minutes of Birch Hill Elementary PTO

September 13, 2010

Lisa Klein	Anne-Marie Williams	Val Waible
Janice Linstad	Sandra Douzanis	Becky Shaughnessy
Julie Robert	Kristi Chaput	Kelly Gauthier
Mark Shaughnessy	Michelle Yurovchak	Jodie Gaffney
Alison Marisano	Kim Bull	Sandra Haines
Susan Kime	Adele Hunt	Mark Lucas
Judy Jones	Karen Waible	Sarah Searles
Kerry Pillsbury	Robin Paquin	Ali Novak
Allison Ireland		

Sandra Haines, co president, called the PTO meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

President – Sarah spoke briefly regarding upcoming events for the school. **Ice Cream socials** are scheduled for one Friday per month during school lunch. The playground committee is still looking for one volunteer.

Some general housekeeping notes: All committees have received their budget for the year. Please try to stay within that budget. Please use colored paper for copies going home. Also, please pass everything by Sarah and Sandra before sending any documents home. All dates must be approved by Thelma, the school admin assistant. She keeps the school calendar.

Principal – A few notes from Mark Lucas – The **Birch Hill Open House** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 15 from 6:30 – 7:30**. It is a night for parents to meet the teachers and get an understanding of the curriculum, expectations, etc.

Birch Hill's Cross Country Program has started. There will be 7 practices and a final event held at Nashua North High School on **Saturday, October 16**.

Fifth grade has a new teacher. Mr. Calhoun, at the last minute, was offered a new position as _____. We all welcome the new fifth grade teacher _____.

Another reminder to please wear name badges whenever a parent enters the building! This is for safety reasons.

The Nashua School District has taken on two new initiatives:

1. **Attendance** – Birch Hill currently has an impressive 92% attendance record. The school district is urging all schools to promote high attendance.
2. **Anti-bullying** – There is a new anti-bullying law which requires the school district to respond to all incidents reported. The incident will be investigated and action will be taken. Therefore, please let the school know immediately when an act of bullying occurs.

Treasurer – Sandra Haines presented the Treasurer's Report. Lisa Klein made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Becky Shaughnessy seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary – The minutes from the June meeting were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Mark Shaughnessy motioned to accept the minutes. Sarah Searles seconded the motion and the secretary's report was accepted.

Ways and Means – **Applebees Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, September 25. There will also be a **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** this fall. They make great holiday gifts!

Activities – To start the year, activities has the **Harvest Dance scheduled for Friday, October 22**. They are looking for bakers. The **Holiday Fair is scheduled for December 4 from 9:00 – 1:00**. Volunteers are needed for the planning committee.

Hospitality – The **Welcome Back Luncheon** will be held on **Tuesday, September 28**. Sign ups are in the office.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, at 7:00 pm.

Sarah Searles made the motion to adjourn. Alison Marisano seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kelly
Secretary