

MINUTES

Saint Bernadette PTO Minutes

Tuesday May 22, 2012 7 pm.

General Membership meeting

Opening Prayer

- I. Guest Speaker: Kelly Dorfman, Nutritionist
Discussed childrens' diets, allergies and symptoms
- II. President's Report: Tracey Pilone
 - a. Thanks to those volunteers who helped with the recent PTO activities: the ice cream social, the Sock Hop, and the middle school dance. Tracey also thanked the current board for their assistance this year .
 - b. The PTO calendar was approved at the last Board meeting. The calendar will be published by the school office.
 - c. Budget: The budget that was presented at the last General Membership meeting needs to be voted on. A vote was taken, and the budget passed by a majority.
- III. Vice President's Report: Mandy Molinari
 - a. A surplus of funds is in the PTO account, and suggestions for use of the funds were solicited at the meeting. Suggestions raised by members at the meeting included Wifi, classroom materials, new blinds/shades, lighting in lower level, playground equipment, new floors, new furniture, preschool playground, i-pads for students, and bathroom upgrades.
- IV. Charter Chair and Secretary: Joan Cantarelli and Yvonne Horner:
 - a. Charter Change: The Charter Change proposal, which added the Three Grade Reps to the Executive Board, was passed by the general membership, through paper ballots that had been mailed.

- b. During the process of accumulating all the transitional paperwork to hand over to the new board, a PTO voting procedure document from 2005 was discovered, and according to that the current election did not follow the proper protocol. Each individual member was supposed to receive a ballot, which in most cases would be two per household. In addition, parents are allowed to cast a vote for Grade Rep only if they have a rising student in the corresponding grade. Prior to this meeting, we met with the nominees running for PTO office, and they agreed that the ballots that have come in should be used as the election results for officer positions.
- c. A vote was taken of the general membership, and an overwhelming majority voted to use the ballot results as-is for non-Grade Rep positions, rather than re-do the election ballot mailings.
- d. However, for the Grade Rep position, the Charter states “Each member of the PTO may vote for a Grade Representative of their child(ren)’s respective grade(s) for the following academic year.” Since all ballots included all Grade Rep positions, a new ballot will need to be sent out for the contested K-2 Grade Rep position, to corresponding parents.
- e. Election results were then announced:

President -Jeanmarie Spradlin
Vice President -Chris Popeck
Ways and Means -Mary Fedorochko
Treasurer-Jim Shepherd
Grade Rep - K-2-TBD
Grade Rep 3-5 - Amy Burger
Grade Rep 6-8- Rose Kwiatkowski
Secretary -Erin Moore
Events Coordinator -Lisa McGillin
Volunteer Coordinator - Moe Loren

(After this PTO Meeting, one of the K-2 Grade Rep nominees withdrew from the election, therefore Kim Jones was later named as the K-2 Grade Rep)

V. Principal's Report: Mrs. Beeks

- a. Mrs. Beeks announced that our enrollment is now at 508 students, and there is currently a wait list for 3rd grade for next year.
- b. Mrs. Beeks thanked the current PTO Board for their work this school year. Looking forward to working with the new PTO Board. Next January, the school will go through the DFE Accreditation process, which the new PTO board will be involved in.
- c. Mrs. Beeks acknowledged the outgoing Class of 2012, and their accomplishments. They have raised thousands of dollars for various organizations, and have set a great example for the rest of the school.

Closing Prayer