

PTO BOARD Minutes: Feb. 3, 2011, 6 pm

In attendance: Jenny Lo, Carla Sledobnick, Jeanne Truesdell, Nancy Massey, Yvonne \_\_\_\_\_, Michelle Harris, Amy Schwartz, Micah Mefford, Lindsay Barron

I. Call to order: 6 pm

II. Approval of January minutes: Jeanne, Nancy- second, all approved

III. Principal's Report:

- A. Chili cook-off: there were 15 entries.
- B. Swing sets: cannot be moved from older school due to safety concerns.
- C. There will be no Hokie night this year.
- D. This summer Beeks will fix all fire code issues.
- E. Commit to Graduate: teachers will be wearing caps and gowns to show kids that graduation is a worthwhile goal.
- F. School calendar for next school year currently being drafted with 3 weeks for winter break.
- G. Assured those present that half days and work days are being used for staff development, and are very valuable to the teachers.
- H. Parent portal: up and running; fast and immediate response when applying for login

VI. President's Report:

- A. Superintendent meeting (Jan 25, 2011): 1) Guest speaker Paula Griggs discussed recruitment of foster parents; she represented Braley and Thompson, Inc. which is a foster care agency in Radford. 2) Commit to graduate- goal: to increase graduation percentage, to increase in state ranking (currently 49 out of 99 in comparison to other counties); there are ongoing programs to help students graduate. 3) Anyone with questions about BMS/BHS should contact the Superintendent, but webpage is current and should be used as first resource. 4) MCPS budget outlook: there is a meeting about 2011-2012 year, information on webpage; line items in the proposed budget include BHS and BMS related costs, money to be used to catch up schools lagging behind in technology and \$400,000 to have all schools inspected.
- B. Need to vote to amend budget for spring fair at next month's meeting
- C. Board positions except president are all open!

V. New Business:

- A. Guest Author: Nancy Roth Patterson will be coming. Lindsay will organize everything with author.
- B. School pictures: Andrea Autry (son in k) will be assisting this spring.
- C. Still need Box Tops and VT Parking for next year
- D. Sals Restaurant Night- Wed. after Valentine's day; PTO will receive 10% of 5-9 PM proceeds that evening.
- E. Jump Rope for Heart: initiate hospitality tree to serve healthy snacks at event. Need vols. For food, serving, and someone to organize- no volunteer stepped

- forward.
- F. Science Exhibition: Clare Law will be organizing a science night for kids to display projects. Participation certificates will be awarded. Proposed date is March 31 from 5-6:30 PM.
  - G. International Dinner: probably early-to-mid March.

#### VI. Adjournment of public meeting

#### VII. Board minutes:

- A. Surplus: Kroger cards have really improved our budget. How can we spend the money to best benefit the school??
- B. Swing set still needs to be purchased and installed: ~\$2,000
- C. Printer poster- color, 2x3: Micah will price and report at March meeting.
- D. ½ the classrooms have smart boards. Will re-evaluate next school year, hopefully with county money to finish those.
- E. Facility problems may prevent additional smart board installations for year.
- F. Beeks placed third in Hokie book challenge so school receives laptop.
- G. Want to amend budget to add \$500 toward supply closet costs; need to vote on this at March meeting.