

Buena Vista Montessori School

**PTA Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2009
6:30 – 8:00**

Agenda for this evening (scan in)

Introductions

PTA Board

Michelle Moore - chairman
Brenda Wiley – co treasurer
Ruth Roland – co treasurer
Sunny Murphy – vice chairman
(also President of the BAAC)

A motion was passed to make Jenn Candib PTA Secretary for the 2009/2010 school year

Mission and Goals

Other Business

- ? Sunny Murphy presented an overview of the BAAC
- ? (Building Accountability Advisory Comm)
- ? The BAAC is responsible for advising BV on
 - o Safety
 - o Finances
 - o School improvement
 - ✍ They have created a School Improvement Plan
 - ✍ If anyone wants a copy, it can be

- ? Printed to PDF
- ? Or made available Electronically
- o Planning workshops for the school year
 - ✍ Part of the Business Plan for the school
 - ✍ Planning to send a survey to parents/teachers, etc.
 - ✍ May incorporate the PTA workshop(s)
- ? Parent education/Student education support
 - o PTA workshops
 - o Get list from Michelle
 - o Need coordinator

Buena Vista Garden plans

- ? Michelle presented the current plan for the Buena Vista Garden
 - o 7 plots in a raised terrace on the East side of the school
 - ✍ Each class would have it's own plot
 - ✍ One extra
 - o Each has own sprinkler system
 - o May need volunteers to tend over the summer
 - o We may need 3,000.00
 - ✍ Some \$\$ in bank from last year (400.00 spec for garden)
 - ✍ (1,000.00 for backyard project)
 - ✍ (250.00 from Pike's Peak Urban Gardens)
 - ✍ (75.00 from Home Depot)
 - ✍ 50% of \$\$ from bulb sales
 - o There were multiple ideas from the group to raise more money for the project
 - ✍ CO garden show can provide a grant
 - ? ?? volunteered to fill out the application
 - o Due by the end of Oct.
 - o Requested 2000.00

- ✍ Request sponsors for each plot - 200.00/9 plots
- ✍ We will also accept in kind gifts (mulch, seeds, etc.)
- ✍ Request straight donations
- ✍ ?? will contact the District 11 Foundation for a mini-grant

The Flu

- ? Michelle presented a Possible Flu Clinic
 - o All flu vaccines available with the possible exception of H1N1
 - o 25.00 per vaccine
 - o Would need volunteers to coordinate
- ? Membership felt that most parents are going to their pediatricians
- ? Membership voted not to pursue

Reflections Program

- ? Art based program for kids
 - o 6 areas (see email)
- ? In the past used primarily the visual Arts
 - o 5 per category (primary and other)
 - ✍ In school judging first if necessary
 - o Electronic version of rules
 - ✍ COPTA.org
 - o Have presentation ready by fall carnival
 - o Chris might be interested in coordinating

Budget

Ruth

Two items were added to the budget (see below) which was approved with the additions
(See attached document: *BV PTA 2009_10 Budget*)

Proposals to add to the Budget

- Movie Night (approved)
 - ✍ License fee – 325.00/year
 - ? (covers all screenings in the school (lesson plan not required))
 - ✍ 5th graders work it
 - ? Profits go into their kitty
 - ✍ Washington has a big movie screen
 - ✍ Kids vote on movies
 - ? A proposal was made to create a committee to select the preliminary list of movies
 - ? Volunteers for committee gave their email addresses to Kathy New
- Spring Fundraiser (approved)
 - ✍ Michelle presented a Hope bracelet project
 - ? Beads and bracelets made by South African women to help support a South African Orphanage
 - Rolled paper
 - With a curriculum guide to South Africa
 - ? Michelle will approach the teachers to discuss the project and whether or not they can fit it into their curriculum

Open House

September 22, 2009 at 5:30

- 15 minutes singing presentation
- 2 sessions to visit the classrooms
 - ✍ 6:00 – 6:15
 - ✍ 6:15 – 6:30

Food and Entertainment

- Bounce House
- Pizza
 - ✍ Brenda Wiley will order the pizza
- PTA has a lot of paper goods from last year
- 20 doz cookies
 - ✍ Need volunteers to supply cookies
- Fruit

Buena Vista Garage Sale

- ? Saturday, October 3rd
- ? In BV Gym
- ? Kathy New coordinating
 - **Volunteers needed**
 - ✍ **Friday to sort and price**
 - ✍ **Saturday to help with Sales**
- ? Kathy will contact The Wolfs at the gazette for advertising
- ? Early donations will be accepted
 - ✍ Storage space may be available

Fall Carnival

Air Force Academy cadets will help
Coronado students to help

Coronado Homecoming Parade

- ? Saturday, September 26th
- ? Kids decorate bikes and participate in the parade
- ? Flyers will be distributed at the Open House

Box Tops

Natasha Walker coordinating

Other business

Alberto –

Would like to see Foreign Language instruction for the school

- ✍ David Brilliant is working with the District and the Foreign Language coordinator
- ✍ The District is hesitant to fill the slots with enrollment at its current level
 - ? 60,000 full time with benefits
- ✍ David talking with District Administration
 - ? If BV raises enrollment to 200 then we may be able to add language instruction to the regular curriculum
 - ? Current enrollment: 173 with preschool; 145 non preschool

- ✍ Ideas presented to fill the gap until full time instruction can be procured
 - ? Get college students to volunteer to fulfill credits
 - David looking at talking with Colorado College

School Communications

A concern was raised about the multiple copies of school announcements, etc, being sent to families with more than one student at the school

David coordinating with the front office to send only one set per family

Volunteer Coordinator

- Tracks volunteer hours
- Tracks down volunteers and coordinates with the teachers
- 76 parent volunteers this year

Organic Food Coop

Sign up online

PTA gets 10% of sales delivered to BV

Currently no one collecting the boxes

As it becomes necessary we will revisit the issue.

A motion was made to adjourn
Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Candib