

Buena Vista Parent Teacher Association

Monthly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2009

6:30pm

Welcome, member introductions, sign in

Old business:

- *Financial Review – Brenda Wiley (pull in info from Ruth's email)*
 - School supplies, Open house, bulb sales, garage sale
 - Separate account for garden project – 1100.00 to date
 - School supplies made about 300
 - Garage sale about 386.06
 - Open house =
- *Buena Vista T-shirts - Michelle*
 - Michelle reported that we are low on BV T-shirts, and made a motion to reorder
 - Since we are this far into the school year it was suggested that we send an order form home with the students
 - It was also suggested that we order sweatshirts, with the cold months coming on
 - Michelle will work on order form
 - And will ask Maida to put online
- *Movie license, plan for proceeding - Michelle*
 - Movie Night license fee has been paid
 - Kathy will not be able to head it up this year, so Kasey will get together with the rest of the Movie committee to discuss how to proceed
- *Reflections program - Chris Alvarez*
 - Since the Arts program at BV this year is only on Fridays, and we have so many Fridays off, this is not viable
 - Kurt will introduce the Reflections program if kids want to work on individually
 - Will put off until next year
- *Grant applications for the Garden project – Michelle and Kasey*
 - Kasey and Michelle will get together and complete the applications

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- *Parent nights, education*
 - Montessori training for parents
 - Michelle will coordinate with the Teachers to see if they can provide a couple of sessions
- **New business**
- *BAAC – Claire Olson*
 - Committee for foreign language instruction at BV
 - The committee is gathering info on various programs
 - Also looking at having it part of the BV/D11 curriculum
 - D-11 wants an enrollment of 200 Lower EI and Upper EI
 - Our representative says that we can't fit 200 LE and UE students in Washington
 - We may be able to get by with a smaller enrollment
 - May get something in place by fall 2010
 - There is a concern about fitting it in with the Montessori method
 - Quality of food at lunch
 - BAAC doesn't agree with the fed guidelines
 - BAAC is looking at a program started by a chef in Boulder – incorporating organic and local food in schools
 - Trying to tie to garden project (garden to kitchen)
 - Long range project
 - If you're interested in joining, contact Michelle
 - School Improvement Plan
 - In Teacher Action Plans phase
 - District is emphasizing showing growth rather than meeting a test goal
 - District wants implementation data to show that growth
 - Marketing and numbers
 - There will be a Billboard to advertise Buena Vista
 - Has been paid for

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- Will be close to West side
- Independent and other papers will run ads
- There are brochures advertising BV
 - Michelle will ask Sunny about their status
- *Special Assembly – Johanna*
 - 600.00 budgeted for the year
 - Usually 2 assemblies (fall and spring)
 - Fall Assembly
 - Johanna will see if she can get something together
 - Not a huge deal if she can't, as the fall is very busy
 - Possible ideas
 - Soul mechanics
 - Manitou Art Theater
 - East Indian Dance Troup
 - Tall Trees
 - Maybe Hope bracelets in Spring (300.00)
- *Teacher Appreciation - Michelle*
 - 10-29 no school day; coffee, muffins?
 - We may do a dinner for the Teachers the Wednesday of Parent Conference week (10/28/09)
 - Sue Spangler will check with Diane for the schedule
- *Library Book Fair - Karen*
 - 16-18 of November
 - Karen needs help with
 - Setup Nov. 13 after school
 - Tear down on Wednesday afterschool
 - Selling 7:30 – 8:00; 2:30 – 3:00
- *Garden project*
 - PTA has received approval from District 11
 - Funds:
 - 1100.00 spec for

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- 1,000 in outdoor project
- Need 1800.00 to do all work ourselves
 - Retaining wall
 - Needs to be solid and professional
 - Terracing
- May be able to contract retaining wall for 1500.00
 - Then terracing by ourselves
- Committee (John):
 - Beds will be sponsored by local business
 - The committee would like to work with the teachers with growing indoors during the winter months
 - Volunteers during the summer to maintain the beds
 - Back to school will be harvest time
 - Work composting into it (Michelle has as phase II)
 - Break into forums for parents/teachers
 - Committee will meet separately with Elise
 - Johanna will ask Tom Hannah about retaining wall (Shades of Green) to send bid to Michelle
- *Insurance and memberships - Michelle*
 - Due 11/1/09
 - Jenn is sending in the first group of memberships to PTA
 - There will probably be a second group to be sent to PTA after the fall carnival
- *Holiday gifts/ support for students in need*
 - Food and gift drives
 - Diane and the BV Social Worker will help coordinate
 - Michelle will send out request for a parent to coordinate
- *Directories*
 - At the printer
- *Upcoming events and volunteer needs*
 - carnival Friday 10-23-09, 6 - 8:15pm
 - haunted house
 - Jenn will cook spaghetti and peel grapes

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- costume contest
 - fire dancing (at 6:00)
 - D11 will be invited to film
 - Johanna and Chris will bring air pumps
 - Johanna will bring golf putter
 - Set up help Friday at 5:00
 - Kasey
 - kidz expo (by Chapel hills mall – Phil Long Ford Expo Center)
 - 2p-4p Saturday October 24
 - 10 – 12 and 2 – 4 Sunday October 25
 - Box tops/ Campbell's labels
 - Box tops due 10-23, need counters, cutters, and sorters
 - Need Campbell's coordinator
- Meeting adjourned