

BARTELSON ELEMENTARY PARENT FACULTY CLUB

Minutes from the PFC Spring Meeting April 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Gina Peppenhorst.

Nikki Kreke read the Opening Prayer and the Minutes from the previous meeting. The Minutes were approved by Kristy Gebke and seconded by Shelly Seelhofer.

Amy Brueggemann gave a brief summary of the Treasurer's Report and asked the attendees to review the report in detail as the meeting continued. Amy Brueggemann took a parent-teacher attendance count.

A Thank You note was passed around so everyone could read it.

Business:

Dana Patton was thanked for running The Book Fair in 2010. The Fair made \$1,106.93. Dana agreed to run it again for the 2011-12 school year. Dana said she would try to hold it at the same time to again coincide with Grandparent's Day (the weekend before Columbus Day).

Michelle Menkhaus, Jolene Becker, Kim Haake, Karen Gerdes and Kristy Gebke were thanked for being on the Concession Stand Committee. The Concession Stand made \$1,392.23. The committee members present at the meeting were asked if they would be on the committee again for the next school year. Michelle Menkhaus and Kristy Gebke advised they are trying to get off the committee and would welcome any volunteers to replace them. The Officers advised they will address this again in at the Fall Meeting.

The Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments were held in January. The Officers thanked everyone for their help and said it was a nice way to show off the new Gym.

The Chairpersons of the Bowling Tournament -- Tanya Loepker, Sandy Jansen and Chris Luebbers -- were thanked for their hard work and were asked if they would consider running it again for next year. This will be reviewed again at the Fall Meeting.

Gina Peppenhorst advised that the Wish Lists had been approved and stated that the last of the Stipend payments have been made.

Missy Ruppel reported on the Campbell Labels collection project. She advised that to date Bartelso PFC had banked 6,011 points; however, most of the items available in the catalog were of poor quality. It was discussed whether the time and effort it takes to collect the labels is worth it. It was decided Missy will take up one final collection (date: to be determined) which will be added to the points already banked and with the total she will make a final purchase of jump ropes and/or other miscellaneous gym (P.E.) equipment. A motion to discontinue the Campbell Labels collection was made by Jennifer Jansen and seconded by Phyllis Gebke.

It was discussed that all bills have been paid for the school renovation project. The PFC paid for the entire paint bill. The Gym Renovation Committee paid the PFC for their part of the paint bill, which included the painting of the ceiling and beams.

The 7th – 8th Grade Dance will be held on May 13, 2011. A motion to donate \$100 towards the cost of the dance was made by Leah Becker and seconded by Catrina Vandeloo.

The 8th Grade Breakfast and 8th Grade Party were mentioned. It was discussed that typically one/more of the 8th Grade parents volunteer to organize the breakfast and/or party. At the time of the meeting, no plans for either have been determined. A motion to donate \$200 to the Breakfast and \$100 to the Party was made by Phyllis Gebke and seconded by Dana Patton.

Kristy Gebke gave an update on the Box Tops collection. To date, Box Tops have paid Bartelso PFC \$1,188 for their collections. Also, February is technically when the last collection for the year is done by the Box Tops organization; however, Kristy advised she will do a final school collection which will be put towards next year's payment from Box Tops. The final collection date for this school year will be May 6th. Kristy has agreed to continue handling the Box Tops collection for the next school year.

Jody Grawe gave an update for Field Day which will be held on May 26th. A letter was sent home asking for volunteers. The theme is "Rock & Roll." Shelly McRoy has agreed to donate a gift certificate to the Best Dressed winners. Kids will get a chance to bowl (the cost being donated by Bartelso Bowl) as well as do many other fun activities for the day. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be handed out. All children will also receive gift bags at the end of the day. Howard Rakers donated ice cream bars; Excel will possibly donate Ski soda for the kids. So far 6 parents have volunteered to help at Field Day. **A couple more volunteers are still needed!** The 8th Grade girls will help with some activities. The current expenses for Field Day are approximately \$300. It was mentioned that the leftover popcorn/candy from the concession stand is available for Field Day use. A motion to pick up the tab (between \$300-400) was made by Stacey Gerdes and seconded by Jennifer Jansen.

Amy Brueggemann gave an update on the Braves Bucks Scrip Program. Target is now part of the Scrip Program. Amy also reminded everyone that she keeps some gift certificates on hand for everyone's convenience, and she also makes them available for purchase in the gym lobby on Sundays after 10:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m. Amy has agreed to continue running/organizing the Scrip Program. The program will also continue during the summer months. Orders may be placed during the summer by contacting Amy Brueggemann or by visiting the gym lobby after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Leah Becker gave an update on Spirit Wear. First, she and Gina Peppenhorst will be working with the coaches and Sharon Schulte on the selection for the next school year. She hopes to have choices available and on display by Registration Day for the 2011-12 school year. Second, she addressed an idea for a t-shirt fundraiser assisted by a company out of Carlyle who designs and sells t-shirts. It was agreed that, at this time, it would be better to raise the cost of the spirit wear to make a small profit for the PFC rather than doing a separate merchandise-selling fundraiser.

Nikki Kreke gave an update on the 8th Annual PFC Golf Scramble which will be held on June 18th at the Bent Oak Golf Course in Breese. There was also discussion of having a separate Parent-Kid Scramble that would be a nice feel-good event for parents, kids, and other community members. Phyllis Gebke and Gigi Kohrmann said they will look into organizing this event.

There was a discussion as to whether or not to have the Rummage Sale this fall due to concern for protecting the new gym floor as well as the amount of work it takes to have it. It was mentioned that instead of a rummage sale this coming fall, a city-wide yardsale could take its place. Catrina Vandeloo volunteered to organize the yardsale and the PFC will host a food stand for the event (possibly in September). A motion to discontinue the Rummage Sale was made by Jennifer Jansen and seconded by Jody Grawe.

Gina Peppenhorst began the discussions of another September Jam / Jam Fest for this coming fall. Last year's "September Jam" was a success. The date for the next one (which will be called "Jam Fest") is currently scheduled for October 1st. **A Chairperson is needed to lead the committee for this year's Jam Fest.**

Amy Brueggemann gave a brief review of the By-laws regarding the collection of proceeds from any PFC-sponsored fundraiser. She stated that all money raised for the PFC should be submitted to the Treasurer within four days of receipt. Also, before any money is submitted to the Treasurer, it should be counted first with the total written on a slip of paper and two PFC members should initial the total as evidence that they witnessed the count.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 20th-24th. Chris Luebbers, Sandy Jansen and Tanya Loepker are organizing this program again this year. .

Summer Sports Camps were discussed. Phyllis Gebke gave an update about contacting camp directors Gigi Kohrmann and Tim Moore for the girls' and boys' basketball camps. Registration forms for the basketball would be sent out shortly to the parents from school with their kid(s). Phyllis would be contacting a couple other coaches to discuss the possibility of having a girls' volleyball camp as well.

Gina Peppenhorst and Missy Ruppel have stepped down as Co-Presidents of the PFC. Tammy Rickhoff has agreed to be the President of the PFC and Renee Gerdes has agreed to be the Vice President. Everyone in attendance thanked Gina and Missy for their serving on the PFC for so many years. A motion to approve the new officers was made by Catrina Vandeloo and seconded by Tammy Kreke.

Amy Brueggemann announced that Mrs. Gress' class won this meeting's parent-teacher attendance prize.

Amy Brueggemann asked if everyone had a chance to complete their review of the Treasurer's Report, and if anyone had any questions/comments about it. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Shelly Seelhoefer and seconded by Stacey Gerdes.

Dr. Zellmer's closing comments included words of appreciation and thanks to the PFC for everything they do for the school, the state of affairs for the Pre-K program for next year, the ISAT tests, and the Foundation. She pointed out that the Foundation is a slow process but it is close to being sent in for review/approval.

Dr. Zellmer further stated that there will be a change in the method of school testing with the "Common Core Learning Standard" tests taking the place of ISATs within 2 years. Additionally, she addressed the issue of consolidation, stating that although it is still in the forefront of the discussions in legislation, there has been a one-year reprieve. She advised that the parents and community members of Bartelso should keep diligent watch over this issue!!

She also noted that the school board members are Brian Patton (President), Henry Bergmann (Vice President), Tammy Rickhoff (Recording Secretary), Jill Daugherty, Kurt Seelhoefer, Allen Becker and Tanya Kampwerth.

Dr. Zellmer concluded with her final remarks on her retirement as Superintendent of Bartelso Elementary.

A motion to adjourn the 2011 Spring Meeting was made by Tammy Kreke and seconded by Shelly Seelhoefer.