

Blue Ball Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013

Principal Mr. McCaskey	The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.
PTO President Dina Maio	Attendance: (18) Curt McCaskey, Dina Maio, Kelci Robbins, Lisa Weir, Cherie Mindy, Lisa Garrett, Kendra Babb, Dorothy Theodosatos, Jeff Hochhaus, Tara Fox, Tammy Moyer, Vicky Humay, Mandi Brill, Janina Pinkas, Beth Davis, Melissa Messner, Cathy Provian, Maria Hilworth
PTO Vice President Kelci Robbins	<u>Secretary's Report:</u> - No report given <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Presented in new format see attached.
PTO Secretary Cherie Mindy	<u>President's Report:</u> Welcome back! The PTO is officially sales tax exempt. Anyone making purchases should have letter and form to present to merchant.
PTO Treasurer Lisa Weir	The teachers are coordinating their own classroom helpers. See your child's teacher to volunteer in the class.
<u>Committees</u>	<u>Committee Reports:</u>
Fundraising: Lisa Garrett	<u>Fundraising:</u> Race for Education kickoff assembly was held Friday 9/6. Student packets were sent home.
Hospitality: Kelci Robbins	Several large donations for prizes and incentives were collected. The businesses that donated will be printed on the mailers as sponsors.
Box Tops for Education: Dorothy Theodosatos	Volunteers are needed over the next several weeks prior to the actual race day (10/18). Duties include: helping students with mailer writing, folding, taping, stamping, etc.
Campbell's Soup Labels: Need Coordinator	Our goal this year is \$27,000. Last year our goal was \$25,000 and we collected \$27,896. Possible 2 nd fund raiser in the future if needed to meet the budget.
Cartridges for Kids: Lisa Garrett	<u>Hospitality:</u> Ice cream social was a huge success. Served more people this year than in the past.
Volunteer Coordinator: Connie Good	If interested in helping with Teacher luncheon in November or Teacher Appreciation week in Spring see Kelci.
Workroom Coordinator: Svetlana Rose	<u>Activities:</u> Family nights are a chance for you meet other families in the school community. The events are casual. There is an event once a month. We are always looking for ideas and volunteers. October 18 th Race for Education November? December Christmas Corner More info to follow.

Spirit Wear: No new information

PTO Meetings

October 7

Box Tops: Need volunteers to help Dorothy T.

Possibly allowing before school students to trim box tops.

November 4

A contest should be set up in the near future.

December 9

Labels for Education: Need coordinator

January 6

Volunteers: Connie Good is the new coordinator. Volunteer open house will be Thursday 9/19 @ 10:30am in the atrium. Please fill out forms even if you cannot attend so that you can volunteer.

February 3

Workroom: Svetlana Rose is the new coordinator. She will make the schedule for teacher helpers for copying, cutting, etc., this is separate from classroom helpers. Tuesday and Thursday are the days to help. Teachers must hand in their items by end of the day Monday and Wednesday. If there is enough volunteers 2 people will help per day.

March 3

April 7

New Business:

May 5

Donations are needed for the book exchange program. Please bring books to the office.

PTO laptop should be made available for all PTO functions with a sign out form.

Mr. McCaskey will look into guest access for WIFI while using the laptop in the school.

Lisa Garrett showed the Brecknock PTO newsletter in magazine format and is requesting that our PTO does something similar.

Christmas corner is in December. Dina is looking for a new coordinator to work alongside her this year and take over for next year.

Jeff Hochhaus will coordinate Donuts for Dad in January 2014.

School calendar is no longer printed and is not easily accessible. A suggestion was made to have the school lunch menu printed with the "letter day" so that it is a at a glance look to know what student day it is.

The school calendar can be viewed at [www. elanco.org](http://www.elanco.org)

Principal Report:

On the first day of school there was a clerical error and there appeared to be a missing student. Through many steps, including a building wide lock down, the student was found enrolled in another district as well as our district. This prompted a look into our attendance procedure. As a result, the students are accounted for in the morning, at their specials class, and at the end of lunch recess.

A 6th grade student brought a Leatherman tool to school. It was attached to a binder. It was used as a pliers, with no accessories opened. The chief of police was contacted. A letter went home to all families in that particular classroom. A 45 minute classroom meeting was held. The student received consequences over the lunch recess period. The letter is posted on the school website.

Showed Back to School night presentation composed by Mrs. Berardi

Cafeteria Stars is in place this year. Green, yellow and red cones are turned to reflect behavior during lunch. Prizes are awarded at the end of the week which

include a choice of Character Counts coupon, book exchange coupon or sit with a friend at lunch coupon.

Character counts store will open Tuesday 9/17 during the lunch time and will be open every week on Tuesday. Students can redeem their coupons for prizes or they can accumulate coupons for larger prizes. Mr. Chernigo, Mrs. Snader and Cherie Mindy will coordinate the store.

Upcoming Events

RFE needs help to get

mailers ready

Science Explorers will have an assembly on Friday 9/20 to kick off their afterschool program. Grades 1-3 will be held from 2:00-2:30pm. Grades 4-6 will be held from 2:45-3:15pm. The cost is \$75.00 per 5 week program. There will be three separate programs throughout the school year.

**Sept 19 Volunteer Open House
10:30 in atrium**

A mailer will be sent home with the PSSA reports. Please contact Mr. McCaskey with any questions.

**Sept 20 Science Explorers
Assembly**

End of September a state report will be available for each school district and each individual school within the district, which will be a report card for progress that covers much more than AYP.

**Oct 4 EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30PM**

Oct 11 Picture Day

Oct 14 NO SCHOOL

Oct 17 Jay Banks Assembly

Oct 18 Race for Education

Approved