

PTA Meeting September 13, 2011 6:30 p.m

1. Attendance

Adrian Campbell	Judy Bagley	Jennifer Ikenouye	Helen Sommer
Stephanie Kirby	Michele Meltzer	Lynette Zickerman	Sheryl Schwabe
Amy Holecek	Jen Simon	Bethany Kearl	Molly Hosek
Amanda Nimmons	Kristi Lawley	Priscila Grissom	Merry Mungo
Amy Lythgoe	Kathleen Deboda	Lohnna Wynn	Brandy Sylvester
Marci Parsons	Jen Tucker	Lisa Citarella	Brian Egaas
Suzanne Finnigan			

2. President's Report

Grade reps: please sign up on the Bulletin board sign-up sheet to pick the month in which you will be decorating the bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed in the lunchroom from 11 a.m -12 p.m. Please contact Jen Simon (jsimon326@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.

The Book Fair will be October 20 – 28. This is the annual, sales tax free PTA fundraiser. Please see Kari Johnson (karijohnsonkkg@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

The Capital Campaign is already at \$1000 donated! Please see the PTA website, under “Capital Campaign” to contribute. All contributions are tax deductible.

3. Secretary's Report

Please sign the attendance sheet. Minutes from August were approved. Merry Mungo did not receive the minutes via e-mail. All minutes will now be posted to the SES PTA website.

4. Treasurer's Report

Please note that classroom funds for teachers have increased to \$220 per classroom.

5. Vice President's Report: Grants

Two grants were approved; one for a smartboard for 5th grade, under equity. All fifth grade classrooms will now have access to a smartboard. A second grant was approved to fund a showing by the Imagination Makers Theatre Company for the 3d-5th graders on February 29, 2012.

6. Principal's Report:

Chalk For Peace will be Monday September 19 from 2:30 – 3:30.

Goals for the building: grants have been submitted to purchase ipads for 3d and 5th grade. 3 schools within BVSD will be selected to receive ipads.

7. Fall Fling

Friday September 16. Wednesday the 14th will be crazy hair day; Friday will be crazy socks day. The teachers raffle will close at 7:15; ticket sales will close at 7:30. Booths will close at 7:45. Tickets can be purchased before or after school. Tickets ordered from the Friday Folder flyers can be picked up at Will Call.

Volunteers needed!

Waivers must be signed for the inflatable obstacle course and dunk tank. Waivers will be e-mailed to parents. Kids can bring signed waivers to school and receive an arm stamp. Waivers can also be signed at the ticket booths.

The liability insurance for the Fall Fling is covered by the school. All persons must sign in; even adults.

This year will feature a “fun flush”; the victim will sit in a chair and a garden hose will spray them when a target is hit.

The kid art auction will be on display starting Wednesday September 17. Contact Kirsten B for any last minute auction donations.

Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work!

8. TAG

There will be a workshop at SES October 26th “parent/child workshops via SKYPE”. The cost is \$12, which includes a book. The workshop will be held in the library.

9. Membership

Please pay dues through the “shop online” feature on the PTA website

10. Lunch Discussion: move recess to before lunch?

J. Ikenouye: Kids need to develop good eating habits. Kids hurry to eat so they can play. An alternative could be for kids to play first, and then eat. One other school in BVSD has started this plan; we can use them as a resource.

Amy Holecek and Jen Simon: Data points: kids are rushed at lunch.

- a. Recess first makes for hungrier kids
- b. They will consume more milk/veggies and fruit
- c. Play first is better for digestions
- d. Fewer nurse visits have been documented with play first.
- e. Less waste at lunchtime
- f. Better behavior at lunch after all of their energy is expended
- g. More teaching time as kids will be calmer returning from lunch.

Next steps: J. Ikenouye will send out a survey to parents.

Bethany Kearl taught in a school with play first, and the kids' behavior at lunch was horrible.

J. Ikenoye worries about kids who eat more slowly and have to return to class hungry.

Lunch is currently 20 minutes.

Michele Metzler asked how will kids get lunch from their baskets after playing?
Merry Mungo suggested that the same procedure as is currently in place can continue.
Parents of children in “play before” schools notice less food coming home in lunch boxes.
Molly Hodek suggested that there would be fewer kids needing class time to get drinks.
How about time for buying lunch? Jen Simon suggested that kids will come in in an orderly way.
Kids will be organized by who is buying vs who is bringing lunch.
It was suggested that there is not enough staff to accomplish this.
Johnna pointed out that the cafeteria is also used as PE space and the janitors need time to clean.
Currently, the cleaning is done while the kids are at recess.
Scheduling would be tough, especially with the k-2 kids.

11. PEN

PEN is a non-profit network for parents, teachers and community. There will be a meeting on September 14 “How Are All The Children?”. Consistent research finds that kids ARE really listening to parents (not just their friends). This year is Sheryl’s last year as a PEN rep for SES. Please let Sheryl know if you would like to be a PEN rep.

12. Fundraising update will occur at the next PTA meeting (October 11). \$22 gift cards to Old Chicago are on sale for \$11. See the PTA website.

13. Boxtops: we already have 600 boxtops turned in!

14. Consideration of the Target credit card. You get a 5% discount on all purchases and some amount of money is given to the school.

Meeting adjourned 7:30