

**Blach Intermediate School
PTA Meeting
November 15, 2007
7:00 p.m. in the Library**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Debbie Torok called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Leslie Crane presented on behalf of the student council. The student body officers gave a Power point presentation at the LASD board meeting. The presentation made a positive impression on the audience and board members.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Leslie Crane

Blach Channel 5 is live distributing taped broadcasting. Many thanks to Lara Daetz and Debbie Torok for coordinating the additional wiring and monitors needed in the remaining wings. The leadership class is planning to broadcast, once a week, beginning in January.

Madame Wade shared how the document camera technology has been applied in her classroom. She commented that she presents information to the students, straight from textbooks, without having to use transparencies. She is seeing increased student engagement and saving curriculum prep time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Lara Daetz

- Boundaries Report EIR to be release with Q&A and will be posted online by the district.
- At the Presidents Meeting discussion was held on the draft of the boundaries document. Interested parties should reference district documents online.
- LASD will have a float in the Festival of Lights Parade including all school mascots
- Bullis construction is ahead of schedule and budget
- LASD will distribute survey regarding kindergarten
- Blach's emergency first aid supplies have been replenished
- Notice of registration for high school will begin at the end of November

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT – Cathy White

Nominating Committee is being formed. Flyer will be included in Banner. If you have a suggestion for a committee nominee, please contact Cathy. The committee will be formed within the next few weeks and then voted in at the January PTA meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Lara Daetz and Debbie Torok

- Holiday Faire – large number of students 162 taking part in the November 30th event.
- Falcon Fest 50th Reunion Open House (April 25th) - thoughts are around a time capsule, fun name tags around affiliation with Blach, guest speakers, yearbook display, PTA memorabilia, etc.

- Suggest that the LASD accepted responsibility for maintenance and inventory of emergency supplies
- LAEF – contributions continue to be accepted
- Parent Connection - at the November meeting Dr. Moerner and Mr. Spenader attended from the Blach staff. Discussion focused on learning styles and engaging students by asking questions.
- Community Service – Tanya Rowe presented that the Food Drive collected over 2,500 pounds of food, including \$100. This was the largest collection in four years.
- Toy Drive – December 12-14, bring new and unwrapped toy
- Sports Booster – purchased softball supplies and basketball uniforms. Also gathering pricing information on bleachers for the field. Discussion for possible discuss ring and soccer equipment

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Genevieve Young

The minutes of October 18th were approved without any changes.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Barbara Wilbur

October Treasurer’s Report

- Spend for October showed \$41,198
- Balance currently at \$203,000
- End of year balance expected at \$27,000
- Report to be filed for audit

Ratification of Checks

The checks were presented, approved and voted (Wilbur/Matice).

Approval of New Expenditures - None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 17th at 9:00 am
Guest: LASD Superintendent, Tim Justus

Happy Holidays!