

Blach Intermediate School
PTA Meeting
November 19th, 2009
7:00 in the Library

CALL TO ORDER

Leslie Ballesteros called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with 13 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Patt Kapp for Lee Dinneen

The Treasurer's Report for October 2009 was presented with an ending balance of \$214,200. The difference from the opening balance of \$255,861 was \$41,661 reflecting income from fund raising, and expenses for hot lunch, tech purchases, Beautification Day, deposit for Disneyland trip, district copy charges, district instructional supplies, Family Dinner costs, and directory. The report will be filed for audit.

Pat presented the list of checks for October. #3652-3698

Motioned, seconded, and approved to ratify October checks.

Betsy Fitch, Kristen Brown

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 15th, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Leslie Crane

Introduced teacher Jeremy Liewer - Engineering, Computers. Thanked PTA for cameras and computers. Teachers are in the process of discussing an Ecology elective that would include horticulture, California native plants, composting with lunches. This will need financial support from PTA to get this class off the ground.

TIM JUSTUS - Superintendent

Thanked the PTA which gives the district incredible support.

Wants to accomplish by year end:

- Finance planning for the 10/11 school year.
- Continue implementation of math text books: Listening to feedback and working out details to make program successful.
- Make sure 4 new principles are off to a great start.
- Physical structure of campuses - work on maintenance plan, what is needed for second phase.
-For Blach - work on changes to field areas with water agency.
- Parcel Tax - Board is looking at dates to have tax vote, probably Nov. 2010. Need to start this spring getting committees together and the message to the community. Board needs to decide to continue current rate renewal or increase the rate. Will do surveys to determine community willingness to pay.

What is the process to replace him:

5 firms sending proposals on replacement plans. Board will decide who/how many to get interviews. Jan 25th they'll announce the firm that wins. Common process with search firms - meet with study groups/interested parties to find the right person with right characteristics.

Budget cuts:

10/11 will have additional cuts due to state deficit, 11/12 will have even more. But, we are in a good spot compared to other districts. We have PTA, LAEF and Basic Aid that can help keep programs. 28% of our budget comes from local monies. This is cyclical and will come back. District will still need to cut in the next few years. Trying to do things within budget to help teachers. Purchased new Math workbook so teachers don't have to spend time copying. Trying to boost teacher moral in ways they can. Looking to discuss compensation packages.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Arrillaga
Blach PTA Secretary

Next PTA Meeting – January 21st, 7:00 in the Library