

Blach Intermediate School
PTA Meeting
October 15th, 2009
7:00 in the Library

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Kapp called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with 15 members present.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION - Sagar Joshi

Ed Mussman introduced Sagar Joshi from Troop 30 and awarded him a plaque to be placed on the storage shed Sagar built at Blach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 17th, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Lee Dinneen

The Treasurer's Report for September 2009 was presented with an ending balance of \$255,861. The difference from the opening balance of \$272,863 was \$17,002 reflecting income from beginning of year parent funding, and expenses for yearbook, Eagle Scout project, History and Chorus, and directory. The report will be filed for audit.

Lee presented the list of checks for September. #3607-3647

Motioned, seconded, and approved to ratify September checks.

Betsy Fitch, Carrie Castro

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Leslie Crane

- Introduced Mrs. Trisha MacKenzie - 8th Grade English/Journalist Teacher. Cameras from PTA are used for the school paper which is online and in the library. They want to figure out a better distribution model so more people can read.
- Zero Period - Trisha was one of the teachers responsible for zero period last year. They created the program week by week. Taught students skills other kids have learned on their own such as how to take notes, have a conversation with a teacher, get motivated, and get organized.
- Emergency Drill went well. Learned they need to watch support staff better. Leslie likes to be creative in the scenarios so the staff can practice and learn from each drill.
- Next week is end of the quarter. 54 kids were out Monday with cold/cough and fevers and most stayed out several days.
- Want PTA to sponsor a surprise popsicles and ice cream treat next Thursday for doing a great job.
- School Board elections are Nov. 3rd - please vote. Oak School PTA is hosting an evening with the Los Altos School District School Board candidates on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak School Multi.
- First Halloween dance Oct. 30 7-9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Family Dinner - Kathy Fischer-Colbrie

This year was more relaxed and allowed for more mingling. Might want to switch caterers for next year - there were problems and they ran out of food. Might want to readdress ticket distribution. Tickets were given to kids at school - many forgot to give to the parents and the parents were upset.

Emergency Drill - Carol Gerughty

Went very well. Teachers were in control. Some additional supplies have been requested - but supplies were well stocked. In future - add additional information to our school website so parents know what they are supposed to do. In March Blach will do a code red situation drill.

Holiday Faire - Jill Cook

Faire is December 4th 12:30-4:00 p.m. They already have volunteers on board. 190 contracts were handed out. Last year about \$1500 was donated back to PTA and they anticipate doing the same this year.

Beatification - Vicki Moore

They have had 80 hours , 20 volunteers working on the grounds. Front garden and other bushes have been planted. They have planted California native plants - that can be used in science classes in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Arrillaga
Blach PTA Secretary

Next PTA Meeting – November 19th, 7:00 in the Library
Guest Speaker: Tim Justus