

Blach Intermediate School  
PTA Meeting  
September 17th, 2009  
7:00 in the Library

CALL TO ORDER

Leslie Ballesteros called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with 18 members present.

LAYC - Tamara Oskoui

LAYC Cards are being sold on campus. Students can also go to the City of Los Altos Recreation Department Hillview office for cards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 21st, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Lee Dinneen

The Treasurer's Report for May and June 2009 was presented with an ending balance of \$49,209. The difference spent from the opening balance of \$100,865 was \$51,656 reflecting hot lunch, sports boosters, yearbook, and district copying expenses. The report will be filed for audit.

The Treasurer's Report for July and August 2010 was presented with an ending balance of \$272,863. The difference from the opening balance of \$49,209 was \$223,654 reflecting beginning of year parent funding (hot lunch, direct appeal, PTA dues, etc.) and yearbook payments. The report will be filed for audit.

Leslie Crane said a large portion of the operating budget for Blach is from PTA and LAEF.

The board and superintendent don't want to ask the PTAs to pay as much next year - but they don't know what the situation will be. Lee said the budget will work down \$10,675 of the overage, but she think its prudent to keep reserve with the the unknowns for funding next year.

Need to budget \$5790 for annual software update costs. No hardware plan yet.

Lee presented the list of checks for May and June.

Motioned, seconded, and approved to ratify May and June checks.

S. Prasad, K. Brown.

The budget for 2009-2010 was presented and discussed.

Motion to approve 2009-2010 Budget was seconded and approved with extra \$1000 line item for expenditure and revenue for Book Sales.

B. Fitch, E. Maciag.

Motion to authorize spending and release of funds up to the budget limits for each line item.

Motioned, seconded, and approved.

E. Maciag, M. Malachowsky.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - Pat Kapp for Betsy Lange

Auditor's Report was presented. Move to adopt auditors report for 6 month period ending June 30th, 2009.

Motioned, seconded, passed.

S. Chao, E. Maciag

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Leslie Crane

- Introduced Pat Koren. Pat mentioned our current sports - boys volleyball, girls softball, cross country, flag football. About 140 kids are participating in after school sports. Kids are doing a first aid unit in PE. The Booster Club monies collected goes towards uniforms or it is used for physical ed and after school sports equipment. In 2013 the Water District will redo Blach's track and baseball field which will provide Blach with improved facilities, and provide themselves with a required flood zone.
- API scores were up 15 points. One reason for improvement: Blach targeted 35 basic/below 8th grade students and gave additional support in time management, study skills, and motivation. They had a zero period before school.
- Motion to approve adding a line for \$5000 for the Zero Period Intervention Programs in Dept. Support Expenditures was seconded and approved. M. Malachowsky, L. Dietz

- Adapting new math program at the elementary schools was important to Blach because it will help middle school math scores in the future.
- Language Arts - The Step Up to Writing Program has helped 7th graders write good paragraphs. We are seeing positive benefits from program.

#### EAGLE SCOUNT PROJECT - Bryan Petersen

Bryan proposed building a Lost and Found structure and a skateboard/longboard storage structure.

He can start in 2 weeks and finish in two months.

Motioned, seconded and approved \$791 from the PTA for this project

L. Daetz, K. Brown

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2009-2010 PTA Goals were presented and reviewed.

1. Support staff, principal, students, and curriculum enrichment.
2. Support a safe and positive school environment - through programs which enrich academics, life skills, community building, and family outreach.
3. Facilitate communication between Blach staff, parents, and relevant communities (elementary, high schools).
4. Provide financial support to meet our 2009/2010 goals.

Goals were motioned, seconded, and approved.

E. Maciag, B. Levy

The new Banner is being sent biweekly. Adding content instructions are on the website, and old banners are on the site. It will continue to be fine tuned over the weeks.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Appreciation - L. Ballesteros for Committee

Thursday September 24th is next event. The Committee wants to thank all the parent volunteers.

Beautification - Vicki Moore

The 5th and last beautification day is September 19th. They will be planting, putting in irrigation, mulching pruning.

Judy Swartz is designing a native garden for a future project.

Spirit Wear - Melody Malachowsky

Turn all order forms in. Melody suggested we might want to reconsider how you buy/sell. A suggestion is to buy merchandise at the end of previous year and have it available for the first day of school. We would sell the merchandise, and not use order forms.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Arrillaga  
Blach PTA Secretary

Next PTA Meeting – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 in the Library  
Guest Teacher: Sr. Lopez