

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 14th, 2008

Meeting called to order by Romanna Flores at 6:30PM.

Romanna facilitated the meeting. There were 19 attendees.

Welcome

Some emergency elections were held. Rose Gustave resigned as Secretary, Kris Calvert resigned as Vice President.

Sally Eck nominated Jeanne Barrett for VP, Angeline Perla nominated Rose Gustave for Treasurer, and Rose nominated Kris for Secretary. Majority voted yes for all nominations.

New Business

Sally spoke about Measure 58 and how it would negatively affect ESL and Spanish Immersion at Bridger. Official PTA position is "No" on 58.

John Pioli talked about Measure 60, said it was virtually impossible to implement. Official PTA position is "No" on 60.

Heather Clayville spoke about Standing Rules having been revised (meeting ending time changed from 8:30pm to 8:00pm) without a vote of the membership. Rose motions to amend Standing Rules to show meeting time of 6:30pm - 8:00pm, motion seconded, Standing Rules amendment approved.

Approval of Minutes

September 9th, 2008 PTA meeting minutes summarized. Tina Daily moved to approve minutes, motion seconded, minutes approved.

Principal's Report

Facility Assessment currently on hold.

Regarding our lack of a Vice Principal: when CSS left we had fewer students and therefore we were entitled to fewer staff hours. We lost our Vice Principal and had to change some staffing as a result. We have a grant to work on marketing Bridger to neighborhood families, we're currently losing 250 neighborhood kids to other schools/programs. Any ideas about marketing Bridger, see Tina.

Treasurer's report (given by Romanna)

We need to pay an overdue bill to re-instate our Corporate status. Jean made a motion to pay the bill, motion seconded, all agreed to pay bill.

Fundraising Committee Report

Andrea Woodward and Elizabeth Schneider gave the report.
Currently we are having no major fall fundraiser. Multiple other fundraisers in place or in progress. Movie Day at Academy Theater on November 10th.

Volunteer Committee Report

Angeline Perla gave the report.
Still working on finding classroom representatives. Call for Math Night volunteers.
Working on a position for "After-School Activity Coordinator", any ideas for after school activities pass them on to Angeline.
Andrea (Bridger librarian) requested volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair - she needs help with set-up, monitoring during the fair, and tear-down.
We're still trying to disconnect the downspouts in the water garden. Saturday, Oct. 25th will be a work party/event with volunteers from SOLV and Hands On Portland and the Montavilla Neighborhood Association.

New business

Scott Bailey, a volunteer with "Community and Parents for Public Schools" spoke about a parent leadership conference coming up in February, no date yet. He also spoke about various ballot measures.

Romanna motioned to adjourn, motion seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, October 16th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm – Math Night at Bridger!
Friday, October 24th – Professional Development Day (No school)
Saturday, October 25th, 9:00am to Noon – Water Garden Work Party
Monday, November 10th – fund raiser at The Academy Theater (afternoon movie matinee)