

## BRETON PTA MINUTES – 13 MARCH 2008

Sandra Upton called the meeting to order at 9:32.

Superintendent's Report – Kevin Philipps for Dr. Sara Shubel

- Athletic bond update: the design process is almost complete. High School will start to see some disruptions in parking lots during Spring Break. Mehney Field scheduled to be completed August 1<sup>st</sup>. No sports will be directly affected. Weight Room moving to Middle School basement during construction. Estimated project time is 18 months.
- School Financing Presentation
  - Entire presentation can be viewed on egrps.org website, District link, Business, select "The Basics of School Finance"
  - Significant highlights from presentation:
    - bond money CANNOT be spent on operational expenses
    - sinking fund balance accumulates at about \$250-300K/yr, current balance approximately 1.5 million. \$40K being earmarked annually for future turf replacement at Mehney and Memorial fields (cost shared with city)
    - Per-pupil funding from the state budgeted at \$150/student next year (Governor has promised \$192/pupil)

2008-09 Nominations – Billi Sue Potter

- Slate for next year – PLEASE attend April meeting as we need a quorum to vote in new officers.
  - Vice-President: Jenny McMahon
  - Assistant Treasurer: Marie Brinks
  - Recording Secretary: Jennifer Phillips
  - Corresponding Secretary: Courtney Moskal

President – Sandra Upton

- Celebrate Languages, Get Global program May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm with dessert reception following. Foreign Languages department requests Breton families provide 20 international desserts and help with set-up/clean-up – contact Sandra if you would like to volunteer.
- On-Line Safety Night presented March 18 (K-4) at the Middle School for parents and children. Parents only to attend grades 5-12 presentation on March 26, 6 pm in HS Media Conference Room.
- Chess Club will offer limited sessions beginning March 17
- PTA will have a table at conferences – please fill out survey and check out Breton Wear available for purchase
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students will have opportunities to visit Middle School in April

Vice President – Sandra Upton for Shelly Boeve

- Discussion of Breton PTA meeting times for next year – those in attendance state earlier in the morning (9 am) seems a better choice than an afternoon meeting (2 pm). Stay tuned.

Treasurer – Cathy Oosse

- No updates to report

Assistant Treasurer – Michelle Cavera

- D & W Days will occur right after Spring Break
- Barnes & Noble Days – March 29-30. Volunteers needed to staff the welcome table to make this fundraiser a success.

Corresponding Secretary – Ronda Gauger

- Watch the Cadence for an article and photos of the school play

Recording Secretary – Diane Angell

- Cathy Oosse motioned to approve Feb. 14 minutes. Ronda Gauger seconded. Minutes approved.

Legislative Update – Winnie Brinks

- Legislative Coffee with Vern Ehlers Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the HS

Teacher's Report –

- Cheryl Radecki presented 6 amazing "Safeties of the Month"
- Lisa Loyd and Vikki Boersma and several Breton Students gave a presentation on the Multicultural Class that was held at Breton. It has been both challenging and thought-provoking for adults and a fabulous experience for the kids involved. They would like to offer the class next year at each elementary building – currently looking for funding.
- Vikki reported for Bill Schram (Student Council) that 2500 plastic bags have been collected for recycling – hope to have 5000 by Spring Break. The money raised will be used for purchases for our school. Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser to begin soon.

Principal's Report – Wendy Vanzegeren

- Teacher assignments for next year will be announced before the end of school and students will have a chance to meet their teacher for next year during the last week of school in June
- Student Placement forms will be available in Breton Beat after Spring Break – please do NOT request specific teachers
- District-wide calendar will be coordinated so fall Open Houses (HS, MS, Elementary) do not conflict. Breton will most likely offer Open House on one night with staggered times.
- Carnival date set for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 (hope to ease September "crunch")
- Potential school picnic/ice cream social on the Thursday before school begins
- Some parents to be trained in "Handwriting Without Tears" to support that program next year
- Considering offering "Homework Club" after school with staff and volunteers providing tutoring
- Looking for a permanent solution to our parking issues
- IF there is \$ left after bond projects are completed, would like window put in N wall of office for security

NEXT PTA MEETING IS APRIL 17, 2008 AT 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Angell