

Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday February 22, 2012
Large Group Room

Board Members:

Present: Pam Albertson, Michelle Parisi, Stephanie Nichols, Tamra Adams, Jane Martin,
Karen Mullin

Absent: Chris Stamatas

Also present:

Karen Cruickshank - School Board President, Betsy Fadem – School Board Vice-President,
Ann Crowley – Beaumont’s liaison to the Board, Dr. Demming and see attendance sheet

Pam Albertson called the meeting order at 9:20am.

Karen Cruickshank and Betsy Fadem gave their presentation titled “Success and Sustainability”. See handout for summary of presentation. Next week, Karen and Betsy are presenting at Surrey Services.

The School Board invited 4 legislators to the next Board Meeting on Monday March 19th at Conestoga High School at 7:30pm. So far, Warren Kampf has accepted and will attend. Other legislators invited were Duane Milne (Easttown rep) and State Senator Erickson (Easttown) and State Senator Dinneman (Tredyffrin). Karen suggests attending this meeting so parents can voice their concerns directly to the legislators.

Ann Crowley mentioned that there is a debate on how to fund education – i.e. do you just rely on property taxes. Ann suggests talking to your legislators about the issues.

Ann also suggested that parents may want to form small groups to speak to their legislators at their district offices.

The School Board presentation ended at 10:35.

Pam Albertson then talked about the upcoming activities: Kids 4 Kids Community Service Event and Harlem Wizards. Nikki Blagden mentioned that the Mother-Son event will be held at a roller skating rink on Sunday April 15th.

Pam also mentioned that March 9th is a special question and answer type meeting for anyone who would like more information about volunteering and/or applying for HSA Board positions.

Meg Franceski approved January meeting minutes and Diane Shew seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Stephanie Nichols gave the Treasurer's Report (copy is attached). Father-Daughter dance and Parent Social both exceeded budget. Numbers are not final yet, but the both appear to have done very well.

Dr. Demming thanked everyone for all the efforts of the parents and for all the purchases made for the school. She also mentioned that the 'wish list' items for this year are extra materials for the new reading program (to help build the classroom libraries), one smart board and wireless laptop carts. She again expressed thanks for the purchase of the recess equipment – was not a big cost but really makes a difference for the kids.

Rachel Gibbs spoke about an item from the Inter School Council. There could be redistricting of elementary school kids in the future – no changes for this year but possibly the following year. There has been a 100 student swing with Beaumont having 100 less students and Devon having 100 more students in the past X# of years. One theory for increase at Devon is Home Properties remodeling apartments into 3 bedroom, which has attracted more family rentals.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Minutes taken by Karen Mullin.