

Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
Large Group Room

Board Members:

Present: Tamra Adams, Michelle Parisi, Stephanie Nichols, Chris Stamatias; Karen Mullin

Absent: Pam Albertson; Jane Martin

Others Present:

Dr. Demming

See sign-in sheet

Tamra Adams called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

Dr. Demming gave a presentation on the ERB tests. Items noted from her presentation:

ERBs provide additional information than the PSSAs. PSSAs are normed only within the state of Pennsylvania and uses PA standards. ERBs are normed on a national basis using national standards.

Educational Record Bureau – ERB – is a comprehensive testing program for 2nd through 4th grade. Test Dates are October 3rd to 6th and make-ups are October 11th – 13th.

Schedule is as follows:

	Mon 10/3	Tues 10/4	Wed 10/5	Thurs 10/6
4 th	math 1	math 2;reading comp	Quant Reasoning	verbal reasoning
3 rd	reading comp	math	Word Analysis	
2 nd	reading comp	math	Word Analysis	

ERB prepares reports to parents.

Other news: In addition to Olweus and Paths, Mrs. Root is enacting a program to reward for good deeds based on the book “Have You Filled a Bucket Today”.

Stephanie Nichols gave the Treasurer’s report (copy attached to the minutes). Aralisha Newbold motioned to approve overages of \$162.11 in Admin & Insurance (due to chair thank you cocktail) and \$253.72 overage for Bell Ave Picnic (due to higher bus charges and craft supplies). Wendy Markind seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

The capital items purchased for the school from last year's fundraising efforts were:

2 sofas for lobby	\$1,763
Literacy By Design – Books	7,210
On-line World Book Children	714
Flip cameras, flags, K supplies, 4 th grade games	4,515
Books and games – 1 st grade	380
 Total	 \$14,582

Stephanie then discussed the budget for school year 2011/12 (copy is attached to minutes).

Noted that wrapping paper and Kids Stuff books fundraisers were dropped and replaced with Friends of Beaumont, Joe Corbis and KidzArt. This was done in response to comments from the parent surveys.

Wendy Markind motioned to approve the budget for 2011-12 school year. Jen Weintraub seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Rachel Gibbs then gave a presentation from the Inter-School Council. A few major topics were discussed at the meeting. First, district is working on the calendar year for 2012-13 and talked about starting school after Labor Day. Second, Dr. Dinkins discussed the Keystone Exams. Moratorium on exams this year because of budget issues. Next inter-School Council meeting is October 12th.

Tamra Adams then discussed the following:

Homeroom parent and class party volunteers are on website. Feedback is very positive on this change.

Homeroom parent meeting is on Oct 7th. Dr. Demming added that HR parents always need to check with teachers about activities and snacks prior to the event.

Lori Naser asked why does Beaumont put so much effort in Theme Week and why is it always in May. Tamra responded that the board members also discussed this question at great length last June; conclusion was that the children really enjoy Theme Week and enjoy learning about different themes. Decision was made to keep Theme Week but a change was made to how theme week volunteers are recruited; hopefully this will streamline the process. Dr. Demming added that Theme Week is something all 5 elementary schools do and is an enrichment to the current curriculum and not mandated

by the state. The children really enjoy the assemblies and decorations, and the scavenger hunt for facts.

Bear Gear is closed. Will reopen a few more times during the year.

Dr. Demming will ask teachers to distribute class lists.

Fun Run is Oct 6th at 5:30, with warm-up at 5:15. No raffles or ice cream this year, just popsicles.

Book fair is week of Oct 24th. Asking for volunteers in 2 hour shifts. Kids' classes visit twice during week and those times will be published so volunteers can sign-up when their kids are visiting. Theme is space.

For Book fair, HSA retains a percentage of money spent plus we earn 'scholastic dollars'. Last year, we earned \$400 in scholastic dollars at the Spring book fair and these dollars were given to the library.

Parent Social is Nov 5th at Great American Pub – schedule your babysitters now!

Michelle Parisi motioned to approve the minutes from the June 2011 HSA meeting. Wendy Markind seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Mullin.