

**Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2013**  
**Large Group Room**

Board Members Present: Jane Martin, Lesley Dente, Tory Stagnaro, Melissa Park, Angela Chapson, Marianne Marquet

Also present: Dr. Demming, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Romani, Lisa Lukens, Katie Wylonis, Donna Hutchison-Lang, Pikk Haas, Sarah Sial, Kerri Edwards, Kate King, Katie Galef, Kara Frech, Deb Ridder, Wendy Markind, Jean-Luc Charpentier, Erica Barnes, Elena Margossian, Suzanne Pugh, Min Lubiniecki, Tressa Jordan, Jessica Weinberg

Tory Stagnaro called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

Marianne Marquet made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Jane Martin seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Angela Chapson began the Treasurer's report. Please see attached. Specific variances are on file. Included was a 2012-2013 Review and the 2013-2014 Budget. Recent purchases include PA Speaker, Gym balls, and lobby furniture. Goals include iPads and Phase 2 Playground Equipment.

Dr. Demming gave a presentation about the ERB (Educational Records Bureau) testing coming up Tuesday Oct. 1st through Friday Oct. 4th for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. Makeups will be held during the week of Oct. 7th. Second grade testing areas include reading comprehension, word analysis, and mathematics. Third grade includes all of the above plus content areas and processes. Fourth grade receives all of the above plus verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, etc. Fourth graders also receive both a test booklet and an answer booklet which is good practice for the PSSA's. The tests are untimed for 2-3 grades but timed for 4th grade. The ERB's are different than the state-mandated PSSA's. The ERB's compare us to the other four elementary schools in the district and to other national norms.

Lisa Lukens joined the meeting as a guest from T/E Technology. She works with all 8 T/E schools to use technology effectively in the classroom. There used to be specific applied tech classrooms in the schools. But about 3 years ago due to budget decisions the district ended the applied tech program because core teachers were already teaching tech skills in their classroom setting. The teachers were asked to be more deliberate in terms of showing how they were using technology. Lisa described the Digital Citizenship program for grades K-8 which teaches kids about how to make good decisions about what to put online, be aware of what is out on the internet, and how to present themselves online.

In regards to iPad technology, the district has taken a conservative approach and about 2 1/2 years ago bought 4 iPads which were very successful with special education classes. A few more were added the following year for the special education classes. The challenge with

iPads is that they are meant to be 1:1 personal devices and how should they be used in school systems with shared ids, licensed apps, etc. At the elementary level now there are iPads throughout the special education classes. iPads are also present in varying numbers in different elementary schools including Devon, Hillside, and New Eagle. They have been useful in all subject areas including science, language arts, and math. There are apps that can be used for literacy stations, step motion videos, flash cards, etc. Please see attached slide for more examples. The iPads have been very successful at the elementary level because they provide immediate feedback and leveled apps as well as being highly motivational and promoting collaboration.

Valley Forge Elementary School has begun the implementation of 30 iPads with all accessories---5 at each grade level and 5 in special education.

There are three teachers at Beaumont who are approved users as part of a pilot program and bring in their own iPads to use in their classrooms. Also at Beaumont there are 2 carts with 24 laptops each. One cart goes into every room at least once in the 6 day cycle. The other cart can be signed out as needed.

The entire district will be wireless next fall. The thought is that individuals can bring in their own devices and use them on a district filtered network. There is continuing research into how iPads and/or other personal tablet devices, like the Android technology, should best be implemented into the classrooms.

The HSA has begun its fundraising for the year. In December after accounting for the bear campaign and the parent social, we will have a better idea of how much money has been raised.

Registration for After School Clubs has been going strong. Another section of Crazy Loom Club has been added due to high demand. The first 8 week session begins the week of Sept. 30th.

Lesley Dente gave a volunteer update. Volunteer names have been provided to all chairs. There will be a volunteer meeting next Thursday at 9:15am.

Marianne Marquet reported that homeroom parents have been selected. There will be a meeting on Oct. 1st at 9:15am to go over their responsibilities.

The Fun Run is Thursday Oct. 10th at 5:30pm.

The Parent Social/Auction is Saturday Nov. 16th from 7-10:30pm. Donations should be sent to Sarah Kenneck. A flyer with suggested donations will be included in the blast.

Volunteers are needed by the cultural arts chairs for the agricultural lab scheduled for half days for all grades during the week of Oct. 14th-18th.

BUILD Meeting will be Oct. 21st. Box Tops and Labels for Education due by end of October.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Park.