

Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Cafeteria

Board Members:

Present: Michelle Parisi, Chris Stamatias and Karen Mullin

Absent: Pam Albertson, Tamra Adams, Marie-Pierre Crowe

Others Present:

Dr. Demming

Mrs. Judith Root

Mrs. Trish Plunkett

See attendance sheet

Michelle Parisi called the meeting to order at 9:15a.m.

Michelle Parisi motioned to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2010 meeting. Karen Mullin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Dr. Demming began a presentation on PSSA and ERB testing. Mrs. Plunkett provided additional information on the math sections of the PSSA. Mrs. Root provided additional information on the ERB tests. Summary items from their presentation are:

PA Department of Education's website has additional information on PSSA testing and also releases items from old tests that the teachers use to help prepare students.

PSSA stands for Pennsylvania System of School Assessment. It is a PA state mandated test and is based on PA state standards. PSSAs are given in grades third through eighth, eleventh and if needed re-take in twelfth.

Dates are set by the state. Reading and Math testing is March 14 through 25th for grades 3 and 4. Science for grade 4 is April 4th to 8th.

Reading components are A) Comprehension and Reading and B) Interpretation and Analysis of Fiction and Non-fiction.

For 3rd grade reading, there are 3 sessions, each approx. 60-80 minutes. Includes 58 multiple choice and 3 open ended. Can use highlighters.

For 4th grade reading, there are 3 session, each approx. 60-80 minutes. Includes 58 multiple choice, 5 open ended. Can use highlighters.

There is no time limit for the above testing.

Math components are A) number sense and operations, B) measurement, C) geometry, D) algebraic concepts and E) data analysis and probability.

For 3rd grade, there are 3 math sessions, each approx. 60-80 minutes. There are 72 multiple choice and 4 open ended. Can use highlighters.

For 4th grade math, it is same as 3rd grade, except can use calculators on most of the test.

For 4th grade science, there are 2 sections each approx. 60-75 minutes. There are 68 multiple choice and 6 open ended. This is a “heavy reading” type test.

For ERB testing, Mrs. Root explained that the test measures on a national level as well as private schools and suburban schools. Local assessment is done in the fall and is not mandated by the state. Test is given to 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades and includes verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension and math (teacher reads math test for 2nd and 3rd grade). Test is not timed for 2nd and 3rd grade, but is timed for 4th grade.

Michelle Parisi discussed the last school board meeting. Decision was made to eliminate German and Latin in 6th and 7th grades. Also, board voted 5 to 4 to adopt preliminary budget which included an Act 1 referendum. Michelle stated that discussions and recommendations to the school budget are done at the Finance Committee meetings; next Finance meeting is March 14th at 7:30pm.

Michelle Parisi also reviewed the Treasurer’s report.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Karen Mullin