

Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Cafeteria

Board Members:

Present: Pam Albertson, Tamra Adams, Marie-Pierre Crowe, Michelle Parisi, and Karen Mullin

Absent: Chris Stamatas

Others Present:

Dr. Demming

See attendance sheet

Pam Albertson called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Pam Albertson motioned to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2011 meeting. Tamra Adams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Dr. Demming announced that Mrs. Plunkett will start her maternity leave this Friday March 11th. Kelly Kinderman will be the long-term sub for math support for the rest of the year.

Dr. Demming also discussed the upcoming PSSA tests. The district decided to start the testing on Tuesday, not Monday, to give the students time to adjust to daylight savings. It is very important to be on time, especially for the 4th grade, whose testing begins at 9am. If a student arrives late for the test, then a make-up test is required.

A parent asked what is the purpose of the PSSA testing program. Dr. Demming's response is that by 2014, it is the state's goal that all students perform at the state mandated level. If a school does not meet the state requirements, then the school is placed on a warning list or is required to submit a very detailed improvement plan. Also, Dr. Demming stated that the TE school district has never changed the curriculum for PSSA testing preparation, but has changed the sequence of topics taught to better prepare the students for the tests.

Dr. Demming also discussed the carpool line and circle. A study was done last year and concluded that Beaumont's carpool procedures are efficient. Due to a few problems and phone inquiries, the school will be placing signs along the carpool route to keep cars moving smoothly and remind/enforce regulations.

Lastly, Dr. Demming discussed the Health Council scheduled for May 4th (first Wednesday in May). The theme is Healthy Grains. At end of the day, Mrs. McConagy will take everyone outside for exercise/dance as part of ACES (all children exercise simultaneously).

Next, Toni MacDonald discussed the Inter-School Council. Some items to note from the past 2 meetings are: 1) the 2011-12 school calendar will change since Monday Jan 2, 2012 is a national holiday. As such, the last day of school will be June 12th. 2) The staff evaluation process in place evaluates teachers throughout the school year. There is also a process if a teacher needs helpful instruction.

Toni also provided information about FLITE. There are approx. 100 students in the TE school district that FLITE helps. FLITE may pay for pre-school, for summer reading programs, for leadership programs and even buy a computer for families that do not have own one.

Toni also mentioned that a recurring topic at all the meetings is the budget crisis. There is an \$8.8 million deficit and the district applied for a tax increase but it will not be enough to cover the gap.

Toni attended a finance committee meeting and highly recommends parents to attend.

Michelle Parisi reported that there was nothing significant at the elementary level at the School Board meeting. They did discuss the possibility of eliminating tech at elementary school level.

Marie-Pierre gave the Treasurer's report.

Michelle Parisi motioned to amend the by-laws to add another board position. This position would be a Communication Coordinator responsible for Bear Facts, eblast and website. This amendment will be sent to parents for vote.

The Mother-Son event is next Friday and they are looking for dads to volunteer.

For Theme Week , the assemblies are in place. A group of high school students will be painting a mural as part of a project requirement. March 22nd is theme week decorating meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Minutes submitted by Karen Mullin.