

Lighthouse Elementary & Beacon Cove Intermediate

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 – Lighthouse Elementary School

“These minutes have not been approved.

Approval is planned at the next General PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, 2010 in the Beacon Cove Intermediate Media Center.”

The Beacon Cove/Lighthouse PTO general membership met on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. Board Members in attendance were Michele Claytor, Alix Troast, Jennifer McCabe, Anne Rutter, Maria Sutinen. Tracy Yearick, Una Hukill, Cindy Beltrano, Leslie Bolte, and Cindy Yupp.

The meeting was called to order by Alix Troast at 3:10 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Hukill made a motion to approve the minutes from the last general membership meeting. Mrs. Saracino seconded that motion.

Status of the schools

Beacon Cove Intermediate - Mrs. Hukill

- Beacon Cove is 56 students over the projected number. We are still waiting on the 11-day count. We have physical classroom space available, which is lucky.
- Thank you for a wonderful opening. Arrival and dismissal is going well.
- 3rd and 5th grade curriculum nights have been completed and 4th grade is scheduled for September 15th.
- We have started an initiative for behavioral reinforcement that is called REAL. REAL stands for respect, effort, attitude, and good learners. The children recite a pledge every morning that pertains to REAL. September 30th will be the kickoff where a t-shirt will be given to each child. This will be done at Student of the Month.

Lighthouse Elementary – Mrs. Bolte

- We had 806 projected students and we currently have 821. We will probably be asked to even out children but we will try not to displace them.
- Construction was to be completed on the covered walkways by August 14th. Thank you parents for your patience. There will be covered walkways to the villas as well as covered areas for drop-off and dismissal. We are not sure how this construction will affect drop-off and dismissal. This work will last approximately one more month. A handicap ramp will also be added.
- We are trying to make arrival faster and avoid children being tardy.
- A note about dismissal, police officers are ticketing because our 2-lane road looks more like a 4-lane road. Please be careful.

- Kindergarten curriculum night is finished. First graders will have theirs tonight (Sept. 1) and 2nd grade will have theirs tomorrow (Sept. 2).
- We are using a program called the 3 B's for positive behavioral support. Children know school wide what is expected of them. The three B's are: be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. There is a matrix to provide expectations for children in all areas of the school (lunchroom behavior, bathroom behavior, etc.)
- We have adopted a new writing curriculum called Writer's Workshop. Units of study from this program are made available to the teachers thanks to the PTO. We are trying to make 2nd grade "on demand" writing instead of "authentic" writing to better prepare the children for 3rd grade. Upon unit completions, celebrations will be held. Parents will be allowed to attend these celebrations.

Treasurers Report – Cindy Beltrano

Account Balances

\$ 4,034.00 in BCI checking
 \$ 6,951.00 in BCI savings
 \$ 6,078.00 in LHES checking
\$ 25,059.00 in LHES savings
 \$ 42,123.00 in total

The PTO was able to gift each school \$5000 this year which must then be used to benefit all students at both schools. Accountant advised that the account be kept at \$40,000 hence the \$5000 gift for each school.

Volunteer Report from BCI – Bari Levitt was unable to attend (report given by Michelle Claytor)

- Chairs have been found for all events.
- The one need we still have is someone to work in the BCI store on Wednesday mornings.

Volunteer Report from LHES -Tracy Yearick

- The Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for September 8th in the Media Center at 9:00. Almost 100 people have RSVP'd.
- We have chairs for everything except teacher appreciation week. We are considering 4 co-chairs to make chairing this event easier.

Dad's Club – Mike Howard was unable to attend (report given by Alix Troast)

- The meetings are usually held monthly at JJMuggs. The first meeting has not yet been posted. The date of that meeting will go up on the PTO website.

Business Partners Report – Roseann Cherenson was unable to attend (report given by Michelle Claytor)

- Roseann is actively recruiting business partners for both schools this year. Please note that these business partners assist the schools in many different ways, only

one of which is monetary. Please contact Roseann if you have a potential business partner. Roseann will need help with computer input as soon as the new business partner district system is up and running.

Board Business

- Gift Wrap Fundraiser ends this Friday. So far the money coming in seems low. There is a call going out tonight and we are hoping to put something on edline. Internet sales are at about \$7000 and LHES has collected checks for \$1200 so far and \$900 from BCI. This is concerning. Last year we net \$30,000 from Gift Wrap sales. We are hoping that many people are waiting until Thursday and Friday to turn in their packets.
- Jen McCabe reports that Adopt-a-Class has approximately 60 responses for LHES. This includes some teachers that have been adopted twice. At Beacon, all but 5 teachers have been adopted. The response seems better this year than last year.
- The Pelican Post will be online this year at LHES. Beacon cove has already implemented this and parents are reading it. We are going green!
- The Mother/Son Movie Night will be held at Roger Dean. Having it here seems to help with attendance (especially with older boys). We will not be serving food this year since we have had challenges in the past.
- The Daddy Daughter Dance will be held either 02/18 or 02/25. We are still deciding between the Marriot and PGA.
- April 1st will be our Family Fun Fair. Vargas Orthodontics have again agreed to sponsor us and we are so grateful to them. Ellen Vargas was in attendance and Barbara Murray spoke on behalf of the office and said how much they enjoy partnering with our school and that they are here to support us.

Raffle:

- Maria Sutinen won for Lighthouse and her daughter will be having lunch with Mrs. Bolte.
- Sonita Sonkara won for Beacon Cove and her child will be having lunch with their teacher.

Topics from the floor:

- What is the size difference between the two sites for the Daddy Daughter Dance? Alix explained that PGA holds twice the amount of people then the Marriott. Therefore, we would not have to limit ticket sales and everyone who wants to can attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Saracino and Jen McCabe seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Rutter (LHES Secretary)
Maria Sutinen (BCI Secretary)