

Lighthouse Elementary & Beacon Cove Intermediate

PTO General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 – Beacon Cove Intermediate School

“These minutes have not been approved.

Approval is planned at the next General PTO meeting scheduled for January 11, 2012”

The Beacon Cove/Lighthouse PTO general membership met on Wednesday, November 1, 2011. Board Members in attendance were Jen McCabe, Anne Rutter, Maria Sutinen, Tracy Yearick, Una Hukill, Leslie Bolte, Tammy Higgins, Alix Troast, Jennifer Van Kirk, Jen Minsky, Debbi Sepulveres, Helena Hoogterp, Elizabeth Hughes, and Allison Maffei.

Alix Troast called this meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the PTO General Meeting minutes from September 21, 2011 was made by Debbi Sepulveres. The motion was seconded by Jen McCabe.

Status of the Schools

Beacon Cove Intermediate - Mrs. Hukill

- The student membership at Beacon Cove is still at 940. We have 12 new children, but we had 12 children leave.
- We met Class Size Reduction. We had 1 extra student when we were assessed by the district and were given an additional teacher position. Mrs. Hukill will not fill this position.
- We had a great Boosterthon event. Mrs. Hukill thanked the parents for their help. The character lessons the Boosterthon team has been giving the students have been excellent.
- Ms. Valdez is a new 4th grade teacher. She is taking the place of a teacher that resigned and went to teach middle school. Ms. Valdez is an experienced teacher and has hit the ground running.
- The trimester is over on Friday.
- 3rd graders are adjusting well to Beacon Cove.

Lighthouse Elementary – Mrs. Bolte

- Mrs. Bolte would like to thank the PTO Board and the parents for their support during Boosterthon. There has been a lot of positive feedback about Boosterthon.
- Boosterthon counting day will be tomorrow. Computer Lab Specials will visit the classrooms to clear up the lab space for entering Boosterthon donations.
- Enrollment is at 826. We met our Class Size Reduction. We are expecting a few new students.
- Writers’ Workshop is progressing. 1st grade teachers are attending a workshop today from 2:30-4:30. Mrs. Bolte will participate in training 3 times per year.

Volunteer Report LHES – Helena Hoogterp

- Boosterthon went well. We had lots of volunteers helping.
- A huge “thank you” to Red Mango for providing smoothies for each of the students at both schools.
- Mother Son Movie Night is coming soon. We are going to need help with making popcorn. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Helena.
- Tracy needs volunteers to sign up for the upcoming Book Fair at LHES.

Business Partners Report – Allison Maffei

- Allison is pleased to report that we now have 15 official Business Partners.
- Connie Tinsdale is here representing Mathnasium. Mathnasium is one of our new Business Partners. They have a very unique way of teaching math. If anyone is interested in what they do at Mathnasium, please stop and speak with Connie.
- Todd Isham is here with Sylvan Learning Center. Sylvan Learning center is also a new Business Partner of ours. They have donated 2 scholarships to each school to help students in need. Postcards will be going home soon with information about their program.
- Red Mango was wonderful at Boosterthon. Allison stopped by the store on her way to this meeting and reported seeing about 15 Lighthouse and Beacon families there. We are pleased that this partnership is working so well.
- The Center for Brain Training is our new Mother Son Movie Night sponsor. We are very excited about this new sponsorship.

Account Status:

Account Name	Opening Balance	Amount Out	Amount In	Closing Balance
BCI Checking	\$4,770.05	\$1,075.25	\$2,941.00	\$6,635.80
BCI Savings	\$6,959.81			\$6,959.81
LHES Checking	\$4,145.65			\$4,145.65
LHES Savings	\$10,077.43			\$10,077.43
	\$25,952.94	\$1,075.25	\$2,941.00	\$27,818.69

Treasurer’s Report – Jen Minsky

- There has been no major activity in October.

Treasurer’s Report – Jen Van Kirk

- We received \$4000.00 - \$5000.00 from Verocity (Boosterthon Company).
- We are expecting a big payment to go out shortly to cover supplemental personnel. We are waiting for some Boosterthon funds to clear before we write this check.

Board Business:

Boosterthon: Alix Troast

- Boosterthon has been a huge success at BCI. The moral messages the children are learning from the Boosterthon team are great. A huge “thank you” to our volunteers!
- Jen McCabe added that the LHES Boosterthon was also an incredible event. The North Area School Superintendent came and was very pleased to see what a great fundraiser this was. Thanks to our volunteers!

Adopt-A-Class: -Tammy Higgins

- 22 classes have been adopted 1 time. 22 classes have been adopted 2 times. 16 classes still need to be adopted.
- Last year we sent a flyer to encourage more donations to Adopt-A-Class. Lighthouse parents are not often on edline and sometimes this fundraiser gets lost. Tammy will get a flyer drawn up now that Boosterthon is over. We do not like to ask for too many donations at the same time as that can get overwhelming for parents.

Mother Son Movie Night: Alix Troast

- Friday December 2nd will be Mother Son Movie Night at Roger Dean Stadium.
- The movie will be “Smurfs”.
- Tickets will go home Monday of that week and we will need help getting the tickets ready.
- JJMuggs will do a Dine for Cash that night.
- We will be doing tech drawings for 3 items.

Daddy Daughter Dance: Alix Troast

- PGA asked that we not formalize our plans until after the holiday season since this is their busy time. We expect that the food and the process will be mostly the same as last year.
- We are considering the theme “Wonderland” since one of the middle schools is selling their gently used decorations at a discounted rate. Alix has been in contact with that middle school group but has not heard back so that is on hold for the moment.

Volunteer Report LHES – Tracy Yearick

- Congratulations to Nancy Gush who is our volunteer of the month for October.
- Boosterthon was a great success. Thank you volunteers.
- We are going to need a lot of Book Fair volunteers.
- We only have 6 classes signed up to do Sunshine Math at Lighthouse. We are not sure why the drastic reduction in participation from last year. Mrs. Bolte will talk to the team leaders. Alix mentioned that Jupiter Farms Elementary had just asked Alix about this program. Jeya Pillay who chairs Sunshine Math at Beacon Cove feels it works because it teaches critical thinking. It makes the kids think out of the box. Jen Van Kirk said we had 22 classes participate last year.

- The Box Tops committee is expecting a December check for \$3,219.50. The Avery contest Dolly Head championed this summer earned an extra \$500.00 for each school! These are record numbers. Hanes partnered with Box Tops this year so Aftercare and PE t-shirts were purchased thru Box Tops and earned a lot for our schools. We are wondering if JTAA would consider donating their earned Box Tops from t-shirts to our school in the future. JTAA cannot take advantage of Box Top money themselves since they are not a school. Also if the PTO considers buying “Get Real” t-shirts next year we should try to get them through Box Tops. Apple has partnered with Box Tops also. If you are considering buying an iPhone, iPod, computer, or iPad anytime over the holidays, please consider buying it through Box Tops.

Upcoming Events:

- Lighthouse Fall Book Fair November 7-17.
- No school Friday, November 11th.
- Dine for Cash – Sal’s and Red Mango will be Thursday, November 17th.
- No School Wednesday, November 23 – Friday, November 25th.
- The next PTO General Meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 at 3:00 at Lighthouse Media Center.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Rutter (LHES secretary)
Maria Sutinen (BCI secretary)