

## **BRCVPA PTO Meeting Minutes**

**March 1, 2016 (rescheduled from Feb. 23, 2016)**

**BRCVPA Auditorium**

**5:30 pm**

**Officers attending: Vice President-Ashley Beck**

**Treasurer-Kim Dwin**

**Secretary-Holly Nelson**

Guest speakers Adam Smith, Teresa Porter from EBRPSS invited to attend to see where they were in formally defining (and protecting) the Magnet School programs. In light of ongoing LA budget issues there is serious concern that without clear definition our program (as well as others) could be vulnerable to cuts to education. Mr. Smith and Ms. Porter assured those attending that it is a priority of EBRPSS to keep magnet program intact however, requests from Niel Cheong (and other parents) since Spring of 2014 to clearly define and protect the program have been very slow in coming. Ms. Porter explained the process is complicated and very involved. Ms. Cheong pressed to get an idea of a timeline but with no avail.

1. Welcome/Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from January 24, 2016 meeting-  
Motion: Niel Cheong, second: Jessica Eberhard, motion carries unanimously
3. Officer reports:
  - a. Vice President-none
  - b. Secretary-none
  - c. Treasurer – Current Balance, New Purchases, Box Tops-PTO balance unchanged since last meeting  
I.Ms. Wells purchased new PE equipment with approved funds.
4. Committee reports:
  - a. PTA formation committee
  - b. School improvement team
5. Old business
  - a. Magnet definition meeting and report from EBR Central Office      School board staff
  - b. Communications/volunteering      Niel

Hartley is looking for most effective way to reach all families with important info. SIT team is working on a survey and will ask families how they prefer to be reached (Remind 101, emails, apps, paper notes)

6. New business

- a. Use of funds proposal: Playground build project information-funds matching opportunity. Large budget item, could collect for over a few years until goal is reached, then ,matched by Playground build  
Kindergarten Playground Fence- quotes for project \$2000- for fence only along K playground by Acadian Thwy. Quote included labor but costs could be reduced if we ask for volunteers from parents and the community  
Quote of \$8000-fence along K playground and along property between BRCVPA and Catholic Life Center. This quote also included labor.  
Niel would look into asking for donations of materials and labor from Home Depot and other community partners  
Julie Lapeyrouse was in contact with a contractor who said he could oversee the project.  
Also the DPW will be contacted to see if a safety retaining wall along Acadian Thwy. Would be the city's responsibility.  
Next meeting Budget proposals-vote for/against designating dollar amount for playground fund to be held in school account and rollover following year(s) until goal is reached.  
Vote for/against PTO grant to allow money to be used for teacher professional; development.  
Vote for/against PTA formation. Hoping to hold an informational meeting with a state PTA rep.  
\*A committee has been formed to draft bylaws. Once bylaws are completed and agreed upon a PTA rep will come to meet with parents. If the vote is in favor of transitioning to PTA we incorporate with state (pay a \$75.00 fee) and we will require 30 members to form a state PTA chapter.

- b. Teacher Appreciation- need a committee chair and volunteers, ideas for best way to serve teachers
- c. Volunteer appreciation event proposed by Kim
- d. Carpool safety concerns / walk up carpool proposal report SIT rep/Jessica  
Drafted a To-Do list including a questionnaire for [parents and teachers, staff what they feel needs are on campus, safety, input.  
SIT is currently working on drafting a set of policies, rules in a walk-up proposal for Ms. Hartley

7. Announcements- next meeting will be March 21 at 5:30

8. Adjourn