

**Buckeye Elementary School
PTC Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2006
Buckeye Library**

PTC President Lori Burne called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and introductions were made. The meeting was well attended with 25 people.

Treasurer's Report

Amanda Templeton presented the Treasurer's Report showing a current balance of \$14,884.10, with a net balance of \$7,624.10 available after all outstanding expenses are paid. Income from E-scrip has been considerable at ~\$500/mo and ~\$374/qtr from Bel Air/Raleys. Amanda reminded everyone that Safeway requires renewal of e-scrip each year. This can be done at www.e-scrip.com. Bel Air/Raleys do not require annual renewal.

Old/Ongoing Business

1. **Kindergarten Orientation:** Lori Burne reported that PTC attended Kindergarten Orientation on August 9th. Interested parents were given PTC information and t-shirts were sold.
2. **Teacher's Luncheon:** PTC prepared a luncheon for the teachers and staff on Friday, August 11th, as they prepared their classrooms for the first day of school. It was well received and much appreciated by the teachers.
3. **First Day of School:** Thank you to Caffeine Cuisine for donating coffee for parents on the first day of school. PTC provided donut holes, Buckeye pencils and information.
4. **Yearbook Update:** Anne Maiello reported the first meeting to plan the yearbook will be September 16th, or 27th. March is the completion deadline for the yearbook to be available in May before the Ice Cream Social. Parents are encouraged to share photos and pictures of school events by either dropping photos in an envelope hanging in the office, or by contacting Anne Maiello, Yearbook Committee Chairperson. The PTC Newsletter should have a note asking parents to contribute photos to the yearbook.
5. **Box Tops for Education:** Kris Ravetto reported the first deadline for sending in box tops is October 27th. Envelopes will be provided to the teachers soon for collection. We are waiting for a large payment from box tops sent in May.
6. **Fundraiser Update:** Michele Milanowski reported the Entertainment Book fundraiser continues through Friday, September 15th. Profits per book are approximately \$8 and will go directly to the classrooms. Mrs. Zsoka's class has sold the most books. About 90 books have been sold so far. Mrs. Basham asked if the proceeds could be distributed evenly to the classrooms. Mrs. Devine noted the allocation of proceeds should remain as decided for this fundraiser, however, for future fundraisers PTC may consider to share

the proceeds evenly throughout the classrooms, particularly if requested by the teachers. Michele Milanowski reminded everyone that people could donate money directly to the classrooms through the fundraiser without purchasing an Entertainment Book.

The next fundraiser, Sally Foster, will be sent home Friday, September 22nd. It is high quality gift-wrap and other merchandise. Friends and relatives can order online to benefit Buckeye.

New Business

- 1. PTC Newsletter:** A volunteer is still needed to publish the PTC Newsletter. Everyone agreed that the newsletter should continue to be done on a monthly basis. Neda Gallagher offered to prepare the newsletter itself if the contents could be provided to her in a comprehensive format. Jill Lerner agreed to compile the contents for Neda. **The deadline for the September/October newsletter is Friday, September 22nd. All information should be put in the PTC box by that date. The next PTC Newsletter will be sent home Friday, September 29th.**
- 2. Back to School BBQ:** Lori Burne gave an update on the planning of the event. The 4th graders will be selling water and sodas and the 5th graders will be holding a bake sale. Families can donate sodas or baked goods for these fundraisers. Nikki Costello requested distribution of \$1 book fair coupons. These will be put in the will-call ticket envelopes with other event information. Help is still needed prior to the event filling water balloons for the balloon toss and at the event itself. Extra custodial help in an amount not to exceed \$100 will be paid for by the PTC. Mrs. Devine will arrange the custodial help.
- 3. Student Store:** There was discussion about whether to continue and fund the student store this year. Amanda Templeton noted the items for the store cost ~\$300/year. Everyone agreed the student store should continue because it is a good incentive for the kids and they really enjoy it. 1st through 3rd grade teachers and staff will get 10 Buckeye Bucks per month, and 4th and 5th grades will get 15 per month. Mrs. Miles requested Buckeye Bucks for the library. As of now no inventory will be ordered, however, donations of party favors, etc. will be accepted. Amanda Templeton noted volunteers are still needed to do the Student Store during the first recess one day a week. The store will begin the first Tuesday or Thursday in October.
- 4. Arts Attack Program:** Betsy Bateson shared the status of the new arts curriculum, Arts Attack. It is a comprehensive series of 24 art lessons per grade level that progress from Kindergarten through 5th grade. The Site Council and PTC purchased the curriculum last year for \$5,000. Start up supplies and this year's supplies (paper, paint, etc.) have been purchased and are stored in the shed. Some teachers are teaching the curriculum themselves and just need parent help. Other teachers are requesting that parents teach the curriculum, which can be easily done with the materials and videos provided with the program. Betsy noted the videos should be viewed prior to each lesson and can be checked out after 3:30 and returned by 8:00 a.m. the next morning. DVD's will be

available soon. Each class needs their own supply of sponges and water containers (soup or bean can with no sharp edges) – one each per child. Materials still needed are red and peach poster paint and 18” x 24” white paper. Mrs. Olsen said the black markers provided are permanent markers so make sure that newspaper is used to line desks or other work surfaces before painting and using the markers. Jill Lerner noted PTC would provide assistance with supplies or classroom volunteers if requested by the teachers or Betsy.

5. **Book Faire:** Mrs. Miles is the new Book Faire Chairperson. The first book fair will be 10/23-27th in the library. The theme is Reading Rainforest. There will be a preview day for teachers the Friday before, and the book faire will be open late on Wednesday night. Each student will receive a free book again. Nikki Costello reported that Scholastic said Buckeye is the only school in Northern CA that provides a free book to each child!! Volunteers are still needed for the book faire. Louise Boil is the Volunteer Coordinator. Mrs. Miles shared a program by Scholastic that we will participate in this year called “One for Books.” This is a benefit program for Casa in El Dorado Hills. Scholastic will match each dollar we raise for donation.
6. **T-Shirts:** There was discussion about whether to order more t-shirts for this year. Some noted that different color shirts (heather gray?) with the same logo would be nice. Jill Lerner reported there are still t-shirts for sale from last year, mostly small sizes. Neda Gallagher agreed to sell t-shirts at the BBQ. A suggestion was made to have Fridays be “spirit shirt” days, or school color days. It was agreed to put this issue on the next meeting agenda for discussion.
7. **Holiday Gift Shop:** This event was well received by kids and parents last year. The boy scouts provided a pancake breakfast and mochas were available from a mobile vendor as kids shopped for their gifts. Nikki Costello will be the coordinator for this year’s Holiday Gift Shop. It will be held in early December on a Friday afternoon/evening (3:45) and Saturday in the multipurpose room. Reetha Lee will ask if the boy scouts want to do a pancake breakfast again. There will be an agenda item on next month’s agenda to set the date.
8. **Red Ribbon Week:** Amanda Templeton reported that Mrs. Kloczko is in charge of RRW in October and is looking into purchasing wristbands. Nikki Costello made a motion to support RRW in an amount not to exceed \$250 and Beth St. James seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Floor

1. **New Homework Reward Program-100 Club:** Nikki Costello reported that Tracy Davis and Mrs. Meyers are requesting a reward program for kids who have completed 100% of their homework for each trimester. This is based on the challenge presented at the Rivercats assembly. Rewards would be on a trimester basis (pizza, ice cream, and movie/popcorn) and potentially funded by PTC. Betsy Bateson suggested the participation rules be clearly stated to the students and teachers to avoid any confusion.

PTC agreed not to vote on funding of the program until teachers and staff have approved the details of the program and support it's funding by the PTC.

2. **Volunteer Fingerprinting:** A parent inquired about possible PTC scholarships to offset costs to parents who want to volunteer but cannot afford the fingerprinting fee. Lori Burne suggested it be considered on a case-by-case basis if requested by teachers. Mrs. Devine will bring it up at a staff meeting. Further discussion at next PTC meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Jill Lerner, PTC Secretary