

**South Blvd. FLAIM Elementary - PTO
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2007**

Members Present: Heather Beal, Sunny Bottoms, Antoinette Chenevert, Lisa Cook, Tiffany Daigle, Catherine Grandbouche, Vicki Hadwin, Sarah Hill, Kelly Kent, Susanna Lee, Janina Martinez, Ms. McBride, Cheryl Miller, Lakisha S. Ratcliff, Michéle van den Bold, April Walters, Lori Waselchuk, Julie White, Michel B. Woods

Call to Order 6:10 p.m.

1) Welcome – Emmett Robbins

2) August PTO meeting minutes approved

3) Principal update – Cheryl Miller

The Wicker Family lost everything they own in a fire. Collections will be made at school on Thursday.

Last years LEAP scores topped 100 and we exceeded our expectations.

Spelling Bee will send students to a district spelling bee this month.

4) Financial Report – Catherine Grandbouche

This last month the PTO added \$627.25. The current balance is \$2497.00

5) Open House (9/6/07) Rap Up – Emmett Robbins

It was a good turn out.

6) Brown Bag (9/19/07) Rap Up – Emmett Robbins

20 parents attended. People felt it was a good event. Some feedback was that it concentrated on LEAP too much but others thought it was good.

International festival had a great turn out. Ms. Miller was very pleased with the attendance. Ms. McBride said the kids enjoyed the passport activity.

7) Fundraising Committee Update – Heather Beal

Papa John's Night made \$73.00 from September.

Bouncing Tigers had 43 kids show up for that and we will earn \$64.50 from it.

Box Tops – we've collected \$150 so far. I would like a goal to be \$500 for each deadline. Look for double box tops and five on one. The deadline is October 21. Ms. Miller will send out a note informing parents of the deadline.

Emmett Robbins wanted to find a better way to collect money for the PTO at the school. He wishes to come up a better system. Ms. Miller suggests that the PTO should buy a money box so that you could separate the money from the regular paper work.

8) Parent Outreach – Heather Beal

Magnet Mania – A flyer was sent home today to ask parents to personally invite friends to have a look at South Boulevard. We thought we could get more interest if an invitation is a personal one. We need volunteers for Magnet Mania and the Open House for prospective students.

PTO Handouts – Heather/Kelly

All data inputed. In the database Kelly can separate the different classes. We haven't figured out, yet, what we will do with this database.

Kelly has inputed the information for the PTO directory

Ms. Miller has nearly finished the Room Parent list and will turn it over to the PTO when finished.

Tiffany will compile the results of the PTO indicator survey.

The new PTO parent/PTO parent communications co-chairs are Tiffany Daigle, Lakisha Ratliff.

9) Fall Carnival and Raffle 2007 – Sunny Bottoms

We will send home raffle tickets with the kids and have them turned in before the carnival. The envelopes will have 12 tickets in each book. Sunny will send a big envelope home to each teacher in case a kid needs more. \$5 for a book of three and \$2 per ticket.

Ms. Miller – Ms. Beatty will send home a letter next week informing parents about the Carnival.

The PTO will sell popcorn at the Carnival. We will need volunteers.

10) Marketing and Student Recruitment – Susana Lee

T-shirt design – William came up with sample designs for T-Shirts to have a better presence and noticeable. The design would cost \$15-\$17 per shirt. The price quote was for 50-1—shirts.

We want them made for Magnet Mania. Emmett asked to check into hats.

Lori moved to approve. Emmett seconded it. PTO approved the general design. Final adjustments will be approved through the executive committee and order forms will be sent out.

11) PTO Website – Congratulations and Thanks to Susana and Williams.

12) Marketing Logo and Tagline Ideas – Emmett Robbins

Slogan – is an ongoing project. Emmett distributed a list of slogans

Kelly – wants all the things to work together.... The marketing committee is working on a consistent name and slogan identity.

15) Santa's Secret Shop – Heather Beal

The kids bring money to shop for their parents, family, friends before Christmas.. Then they get to wrap the gifts for their family members from friends. We made \$500 last year. We need help from parents - co-chairs and volunteers to work on it.

Volunteers who signed up to work on this project: April Walters, Becky Hadwin, Kelly Kent, Michel Woods, Julie White, Emmett Robbins

The dates for Santa's Secret Shop are December 3-7.

Everyone agreed that the kids loved it. It just takes a lot of time.

16) Service projects – Elderly Protective Services

Email from Ms. Tomiki Williams – wants the Elderly protective services to partner with South Boulevard Elementary to prepare boxes and gifts for the seniors this holiday season.

Ms. Miller will be sending out a letter home to help the Wicker family. This could be a good service project for the community to address their needs. The kids will get involved.

There was a suggestion to recycle candy that wasn't eaten at Halloween for Christmas treat bags.

17) Round Table –

Westdale school dialogue

Ms. Miller offers idea to have parents whose kids are in Westdale come and speak to parents of the 5th graders.

Julie wants to know if there is a meeting being organized to discuss the future of South Boulevard's building. Emmett is trying to organize it. Ms. Miller wants to organize a meeting with Pat Smith, our School Board Rep. Emmett says the word is that everything is up in the air.

Ms. Miller suggests getting through this October and Magnet Mania. This should be our focus in the New Year.

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, November 6, 6:00 p.m. Carver Library