

**South Blvd. FLAIM Elementary
PTO Meeting Minutes
October 2008**

Members Present: Susana Lee, Sharon Rozas, Vicki Hadwin, Emmett Robbins, Summer Steib, Kelly Kent, Charlotte Brent, Sunny Bottoms, Alina Taylor

Call to Order: 6:05

1. Welcome – Emmett

2. Motion to accept minutes from May 2008 – Emmett
Minutes accepted and posted on PTO website

3. Financial Report – Sharon Rozas

- Balance is \$ 5971.09.
- Still working on a procedure to handle returned checks.
- Teacher Grants (\$600.00):
 - > Need to get an update from Ms. Miller to see if any proposals were received.

4. Open House Wrap Up – Emmett

There was a good turn out for the event. Charlotte thought the leap meeting was informative and likes that the curriculum matches the test this year.

5. Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones – Summer Steib

Laser and ink jet cartridges are accepted. The laser cartridges bring in the most money.

6. Marketing/Recruiting Committee – Susana and William Lee

- May just take South Boulevard (SB) off the FLAIM T-shirts this year
- Alina knows a graphic designer who can help with redesigning marketing materials.
- Bumper sticker and yard sign need redesign since they are hard to read.
- Need a constant look in all the marketing materials.
- Considered a SB Alumni shirt but the Fifth graders get their own shirt and we don't want to compete.

7. Magnet Mania –

No new information yet. Summer will post a request for a new chairperson on Yahoo Group. The chairperson will coordinate and schedule parent volunteers. Need to get the dates.

8. Fall Carnival and Raffle 2008 (October 24, 2008) – Sunny Bottoms

- Raffle ticket packages will go home Thursday and are due back October 22, 2008.
 - > Possible pizza party for class that sells the most tickets.
 - > The big board with all the prizes listed and a drawing for 4-5 prizes every 15 minutes worked well last year. Will do the same again.
 - > Each teacher and the office will have extra ticket books.
- Popcorn/Cotton Candy Sales: We can count the tickets or just count how many are sold.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets need to be sent out. Parents can also go to the web site to sign up.
- Need help getting donations for the raffle. You can e-mail Sunny to let her know what the prize is. Sunny can also e-mail you the list of businesses that have already been contacted.

9. Secret Santa (December 9-11) – Sunny

- Initial supplies will be delivered December 5. Set-up on December 8.
- Fliers will be sent out December 1.
- We need four parent volunteers at a time.
- Will have a table set up behind display table for inventory.
- Sunny will be getting more info on the details.
- Next year maybe we should go to the Dollar Store to get the inventory.

10. Dufroc Transition Status, Concerns and Questions – Charlotte Brent

- Charlotte will be taking over as chairperson.
- Each program is supposed to have its own separate funding.
- Meeting with Planners – Ms. Miller, Ms. Ewing, and transition committee will meet this Friday. Planners will come with questions and determine a path forward.
- Transition Team will organize an e-mail/call-in campaign to the school board for wants that will include:

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- > Two Lead Magnet teachers, one for Montessori and one for language
- > Others as deemed appropriate

- Seed Money (\$1,000 passed in April 2008)

- Playground Equipment- Need to contact Mary Bathlena, LSU Professor who plans playgrounds with her students and may be able to help write grants. Get donations from area businesses.

18. Roundtable – All

- PTO should consider sponsoring clubs for kids after school (science, cooking, astronaut, 4-H, gardening, etc.)
 - > Students may join up to two clubs
 - > Once per month meetings
 - > Ambassadors club – training for UN Young Ambassadors

- International Day – Will we march again?

14. Adjourn 7:40