

Byck Elementary PTA Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2008

I. Call to order

Myrdin Thompson called to order the regular meeting of the **Byck Elementary PTA** at **10:20am** on **July 16, 2008** at her residence, 622 W. Ashland, 40215

II. Roll call

Secretary was absent. Adrienne Moore (Teacher Representative) was appointed secretary. Myrdin Thompson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Stephanie Brown, Kassi Clifford (arriving at 10:30), Mary Oliver Humke, and Adrienne Moore.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Mrs. Thompson distributed an agenda of the August 5th Ice Cream Social (attached). The package of support materials arrived from KaBOOM! and names have been given to Mrs. Thompson so she can procure certificates of appreciation from KaBOOM! for community support. A plaque will be purchased (\$30) to recognize the Cralle Foundation and their generous donation for the playground. This plaque will be presented to Cralle Foundation representatives at the Aug. 5th event. Ballons and ribbon cutting scissors will be picked up by Mrs. Thompson for the event. Dairy Queen (located on Portland) may be a possible ice cream donor, but Ms. Clifford will contact Sonic to see if they are able to assist.
- b) Senora Ford has contacted LaTanya Johnson in order to get needed treasurer materials. Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Johnson all met at the Republic Bank in June. Due to a miscommunication with bank staff, Mrs. Johnson was not able to be removed from the PTA account without Mr. Elzy (former president) present. Mrs. Johnson has tried (unsuccessfully) to arrange a time to meet at the bank with Mr. Elzy. Our current outstanding balance on the playground is \$7560.00. Mrs. Thompson will arrange a time to meet with Mrs. Ford in order to remit payment to the playground vendors. Taxes need to be filed electronically by August 15, 2008. A penalty of \$20 a day may be incurred if not filed appropriately and on time.
- c) Mary Oliver Humke has yet to create a Waldorf Committee website and link to pta's website, but is working on it. Mrs. Oliver Humke needs assistance in planning the Waldorf parents pot-luck (date to be announced).

V. New business

- a) Checks obtained for Byck's Walk of Hope have been submitted to Mrs. Thompson for deposit. Per Mrs. Clifford's request a letter will be sent to those donors whose wording has been placed on hold by JCPS. An alternate proposal of wording featuring name and date only of those family members to be honored, as well as alternate plans for the site (a sundial or multicolored bricks was suggested by Mrs. Oliver Humke) will also be included in the letter. Mrs. Thompson will submit the letter to the board via email for approval.
- b) There have been many staff change overs at Byck. Julie Smith (SAM) has left and has been replaced by Krista Seymour. Hiring is still pending or in negotiations for the new Practical Living and Music instructors. The PTA website will be displayed on a laptop at the Orientation. Student assignment letters should be going out Monday with an updated supply list. There have been no changes to the dress code.
- c) This year's Membership theme is "Connections." Mrs. Stephanie Brown suggested that each member receive a bulb that can be planted in the front entry area and a flowerpot and ribbon pen will be given to the teachers. There is a beautification grant available from Operation Brightside (application due August 27) that ties in with the membership theme. Mrs. Brown asked that Mrs. Thompson look at the bylaws concerning dues from businesses. If they are only \$4.00 (like individual memberships) she suggests we change that to reflect the fact that it is a business rather than individual. A tree can be planted in their honor pending JCPS facilities approval. Mrs. Brown also suggested that Byck plan an International Night to connect with all of our students at Byck.
- d) Kassi Clifford suggested that the Dad's Club hold a "mad science" night at the school. Mrs. Thompson suggested that the David Drummond (Club Chair) contact the National Guard to see if they can assist.
- e) A Teacher survey and wish list will be distributed at the next school staff meeting by Ms. Moore.

VI. Principal's Report

Ms. Darden was unable to attend due to the recent birth of her first child.

VII. Adjournment

Myrdin Thompson adjourned the meeting at **12:30 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Myrdin Thompson