

Blackstone Elementary Parents Organization
Minutes – October 5, 2009

A meeting of the Blackstone Elementary Parents Organization (BEPO) was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at the JFK/AFM complex. The President, Vice President and Secretary were present. The meeting began at 7:19pm.

**Mrs. Trottier motioned to approve the September '09 Minutes and Tammy Lemieux seconded it.*

Treasurer's Report - \$22,779.61 in Checking and \$8,068.20 in Savings. We voted last meeting to earmark \$15k for new playground equipment.

Principal's Report – Mr. Campbell requested 3 more after school focus clubs for a total of 6 this year.

**Cheryl Tellstone motioned to approve 2 more Focus Clubs up to \$375 each and JoAnne Watson seconded it.*

Mr. Campbell reported that the school is in the 2nd year of the Houghton Mifflin reading program and really loving it.

The 3rd grade field trip is planned for Plimoth Plantation in November. He requested funds and was approved for two K-5 in school assemblies - Adventures in Space and Caravan Puppets. Firefighter & Officer Phil are scheduled as well.

**Julie McCarthy motioned to approve \$200 for Adventures in Space program and \$400 for Caravan Puppets in school assemblies and Geraldine Wearing seconded it.*

School pictures are 10/14 and 10/15 for JFK and 10/16 for AFM. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for 10/19 for JFK, 10/20 for AFM and 10/21 or both JFK and AFM. 10/21 will be a half day of school for the students and include lunch service.

Community Reading Day is October 28th and he needs volunteers to help coordinate the readers.

Yearbook will be offered again this year and we'll be using Morin Photography again.

Lastly - Monday 10/26 will be a BMRHS Student Council Halloween Party. Please watch Backpack mail for more info on all these exciting events!

Business:

- A. Indoor recess bins will be refilled. Mrs. Trottier supplied a list of classes in need. Money voted at last meeting.
- B. Fall Fundraiser pick up will be November 5th - please COME get your STUFF!
- C. Apple Picking event was good. Rained again so Wojcik's extended to another weekend.
- D. Fall Festival was awesome! We made over approximately \$500! Thanks to all who attended and volunteered!
- E. Kerry met with O'Brien & Sons to go over potential equipment for AFM playground. 3 climbers have been suggested and would be in our \$15k approved budget. We are hopeful to get something installed in the next 6-8 weeks.
- F. Food Drive is scheduled for Nov 9th - 13th. Delivery will be Tues 11/17 for anyone who can help out.

- G. Turn in your BOX TOPS for our first submission. Deadline is Oct 15th! Next submission will be in the spring. We are thinking about a possible contest to increase participation.
- H. BMR performed a great show for us at the Fall Festival and voted a \$200 donation back to them to help offset the cost of their buses and as a THANK YOU.

****JoAnne Watson motioned to approve \$200 donation to BMR Marching Band and Mrs. Cote seconded it.***

- I. Feb 27th or April 10th will be potential Worcester Sharks dates with MESPA.
- J. Chaperones for field trips continue to be very costly for BEPO. We will be asking for a \$10 donation for all chaperones to help defer the cost of admission at each field trip. This is for all grades. BEPO will pay for the school approved number of chaperones only (5-1 ratio). Any more than that needs funding from another source.

Good and Welfare:

Mr. Campbell is signing the schools up for the A+ Bonus Bucks Program at Stop & Shop. Watch backpack mail for more information.

Mr. Campbell is also looking for Picture Day volunteers. Please contact him directly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

**** Adopted motions.***