

Blackstone Elementary Parents Organization
Minutes – September 14, 2009

A meeting of the Blackstone Elementary Parents Organization (BEPO) was held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at the JFK/AFM complex. The President and Secretary were present. The meeting began at 7:18pm.

**Mrs. Trottier motioned to approve the May '09 Minutes and Sue Dowrey seconded it.*

Treasurer's Report - \$23,050.96 in Checking and \$7,343.28 in Savings. We have 4 more classes to donate to from the savings and then the balance is for BEPO.

Principal's Report – Mr. Campbell updated everyone on the status of full day kindergarten. He reported the children are getting acclimated to a full day schedule. He requested a possible funding of Scholastic News for grades K-5.

**Karen Zagrodny motioned to approve up to \$720 funding for Scholastic News and Jill St. Laurent seconded it.*

BEPO also voted to fund 3 Focus Clubs for afterschool and Mr. Campbell will ask teachers who's interested in teaching one in each grade.

**Tammy Lemieux motioned to approve 3 Clubs at \$375 each and Dianne Buehler seconded it.*

Safety Day is 9/26 10am to 2pm. Mr. Campbell needs volunteers to help set up (8:30am-9:30am) and also a clean up crew (1:45pm-2:30pm). Anyone interested can contact him directly via email(ecampbell@bmrds.net). He reports Spirit Days are scheduled for Sept-June. First one is school colors day in September. Watch backpacks for more information. He is also looking for 2-4 volunteers to help coordinate Community Reading Day. Please email him directly to get involved.

Business:

A. Indoor Recess Bins need to be replenished. We are figuring out what supplies are needed and will begin shopping for "stuff".

**Sue Dowrey motioned to approve \$350 to replenish the bins and Tammy Lemieux seconded it.*

B. Fall Fundraiser is 9/8 - 9/22 - please charge 6.25% (sorry flyer said the old 5%) sales tax on all non food items.

C. Apple picking is scheduled for 9/27 - 10am -5pm at Wojcik's. We hope to see you there!

D. Fall Festival is 10/4 from 1pm to 4pm at Roosevelt Park. More volunteers needed. Please contact Justine Jacome (justdavej@comcast.net) to get involved. A new parent suggested a Boo Bazaar where people can donate and/or buy used Halloween costumes. Great idea - we will give it a try!

E. BEPO website is updated and we are working on keeping it current. Check it out at www.bmrds.net and go to JFK or AFM and then BEPO.

F. By Laws for voting timeframe was changed to May.

**Dianne Buehler motioned to change the By Law voting month to May and Sue Dowrey seconded it.*

G. AFM playground equipment was voted to be purchased spending \$15,000 for equipment, shipping and installation. BEPO is looking at several different options that will maximize the area and handle the most children.

**Tammy Lemieux motioned the \$15,000 expense and Karen Zagrodny seconded it.*

H. 2 hour power volunteer list has grown by 75 new members and to almost 200 people! YEAH

I. Sporting events with MESPA - we all decide it would be great to do another family night with MESPA. Dates will be discussed, maybe Worcester Sharks or Revolution game.

Good and Welfare:

Members discussed adding another Food Drive and doing 3 per year and really stocking the Food Pantry shelves!

Parents were happy to hear Mr. Campbell report that the Nurse will be going to classes to talk to the children about the importance of washing hands and Custodians are doing more bleaching of desks, etc. They are taking all precautions for Flu Season.

It was also discussed if the BEPO email list could be used to "advertise/inform" people of other town programs (ie scouts, soccer, etc). We decided that those things should be done at the town level and to keep the BEPO email list to just school events.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

** Adopted motions.*