



Bernice Kiker Elementary PTA

"We're All in This Together!"

**Executive Board Meeting
December 12, 2011**

1. Call to Order/Quorum

Laura Mouw called the meeting to order at 3:05pm and a quorum was present.

2. Introductions

None.

3. Minutes

Stacy Flieller presented the minutes from the November Executive Board meeting. No changes were made and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

4. Correspondence

Laura Mouw shared that we received the Early Bird award for PTA membership.

5. Officer Reports

Treasurers Report

Erin Rogers gave the treasurer's report with a beginning cash balance of \$32,156.37 on 11/14/11 and an ending cash balance of \$34,514.51 on 12/11/11. Major sources of funds included directory advertising sales, International Night T-shirt sales and directory donations. Major cash disbursements included classroom support, Spelling Bee expenses and other program expenses. Since no changes to the treasurer's report were made, the report was approved as submitted.

Fundraising

Nina Wasserburger reported a \$1000 donation by a Kiker grandparent specifically for the Kiker dyslexia program. This money will be donated directly to Kiker and not to the PTA so that the school can use the money specifically for the dyslexia program.

Communications

None to report.

Membership

Ashley Vavasour reported 574 members with 13 more processing.

Programs

Sara Barry reported the teacher luncheon a success. Sweets for Staff will be on 12/19. A discussion took place on how to reach out to volunteers for this and similar events, especially in regards to room parents sending out email reminders. It was decided that Sara would contact Dee Dee Green and ask her to have room parents send out reminders for this.

The Feb 23 General Membership Meeting will be combined with the Physics Circus.

Volunteer Coordinator

None to report.

6. Committee Reports

CAC

None to report/no CAC meeting.

PIE

Ashley Vavasour reports that we have a new partner: the new Alamo Drafthouse. She is working with them on a spring fundraiser.

ACPTA

Tracy White shared that ACPTA members voted in favor of approving a waiver (from the requirement in Texas Education Code §39.023(c) in which a student's performance on an end-of-course assessment account for 15 percent of the student's final grade for the course for the 2011-2012 academic year). Tracy also shared Dr. Meria Carstarphen's report that \$130 million was given by AISD to other districts (the Robin Hood tax). Further, last year AISD outperformed other similar urban districts and ranked number one for students performing at commended level state wide (again, compared to similar urban districts.)

7. Old Business

We revisited the 2011-12 budget and how to responsibly spend the surplus. Ideas included:

1. drop-down screen and projector for the cafeteria (\$3,500)
2. large shade structure over big playground (Laura Mouw found a grant with the American Academy of Dermatology that would pay \$8,000 for a shade structure). We discussed applying for this grant and how the current structure was funded (it was purchased by AISD). Nina Wasserburger volunteered to help with the grant application for the next school year.
3. replacement of equipment on little playground (Nancy Dudley and Ashley Vavasour volunteered to research further).

We discussed financing for these large purchases as well as surveying the parents. Laura Mouw will meet with Dr. Schneider after she gathers grade level/administration ideas on big ticket items.

8. New Business

Laura Mouw shared a letter from teacher, Beth Cordier who is in her second year of seeking National Board Certification. Ms. Cordier requested financial support from the PTA for all or part of her board certification expenses. Originally, AISD was offering financial support, but can no longer continue due to budget cutbacks. After a lengthy discussion considering her circumstance and the PTA's mission, Leanne Spencer motioned to decline helping, Nina Wasserburger seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Diane Bertotti shared that there is a parent willing to restart the Robotics program but the program may need PTA financial support as well as space on the PTA website. It was discussed that there is already a drop down on the PTA website menu for robotics so Diane will contact webmaster Anne Mitchelson to update the information. No financial support is needed at this time for robotics but if needed in the future this will be addressed with the board.

Randie Fraser shared that Kiker is officially a "No Place for Hate" school.

Dr. Schneider shared that Kiker was honored at the AISD board meeting with four gold performance awards and as a higher performing school.

9. Adjourn

Laura Mouw adjourned the meeting at 4:16pm.