

## Sparks PTA meeting, August 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by PTA president Stacey Krotee at 9:40 am in the Sparks library.

### **In attendance**

Stacey Krotee, Meghan Parker, Amy Lime, Lynn Traynor and Susan Stephenson, Meg Kimmel, Keri Weber, Chris Carpenter and Dana Piombino; the Superintendent was not present.

### **Reading of the Minutes**

There were no corrections to previous minutes.

### **President Reports**

- PTA insurance coverage and rules discussed: one board member must be present when cash is present, there will be a lockbox for checks, initial any reimbursement requests and only covers functions on school grounds.
- PTA goal and bylaws were reviewed ; mission this year is “We are all in this together.”
- Volunteer training dates - 9/13 will be changed. The computer in school for volunteer sign-in will be functional soon. The need for timely input of volunteer hours will be stressed - input can be on paper, on the web, on the school computer or sent to school in the blue folder. An Incentive Program for Volunteering will begin soon. If volunteers are needed please let Susan know.
- PTA website - minutes will be posted as well as more links to be a resource site for parents. Sharkbytes will be on paper for the September issue but then electronic and on the web. Please submit info for your event for posting on Sharkbytes to Meg. Mary Maher is the Webmaster. Utilizing Jot notes was discussed; a trial will begin.
- Dave Patrick will be ordering Blue Sparks polo shirts and anyone who would like to represent Sparks can order one.
- Jennifer Belgin will be the Direct Donation chairperson.
- All committee budgets need to be submitted before back to school night.

### **New Business**

- The New Parent party will be a picnic at Sparks this year for liability and financial reasons.
- The Ice Skating party will be in March.
- The Spring Fair date is being discussed in relation to Spring Break - the tables for rent may not occur due to BCPS rules.
- Committee classifications of standing verses events was discussed. Stacey suggested changes - Susan motioned to the changes. Meghan and Lynn will attend the SIT meetings ;Meghan will be a PTA liaison. The need for a liaison to attend the SEL meetings was discussed.
- PTA gifts will be a standard \$25 and Lynn will purchase it.

- Businesses approaching Sparks for mutual benefit was discussed. Adding a subcommittee to research this was motioned by Meg and accepted by Meghan.

**Next meeting**

September 7, 2010 at 7 pm in the Sharketorium.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:35 am and was passed unanimously.