



Brussels American School
Parent-Teacher-Student Organization
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BAS PTSO GENERAL MEETING May 5, 2010

Attendees:

**President- Vice President- Secretary- Box Tops-
VP Programming- Scholastic- SCA Rep –SLO- Hospitality- Publicity- International
Dinner- Faculty VP- Faculty VP- FOTA- Membership-
Visitors**

Meeting was called to order at 3:25pm

A motion was made to accept the April minutes as written, motion was seconded and motion was passed.

PRESIDENT-

Monetary Requests -

1. Art teacher requested \$480.24 for new paint brushes for the coming year(s). Motion was made, motion was seconded and motion was passed.
2. Art teacher requested \$325.00 to purchase art materials. Motion was made, motion was seconded and motion was passed.
3. Vice Principal requested +/- \$400.00 to purchase fans for 10 rooms. Request was tabled until the following questions are answered: Can DoDDS supply the fans? Are there any other funds/accounts available for this purchase? Have donations been requested?
4. MS Science teacher requested \$995.00 to purchase entry rights to a science/math/social studies website. A motion was made to provide \$1,495.00 which will allow 24/7 access at home and school for one year. The motion also requested that all teachers attend a tutorial presented by the teacher requesting. The motion was seconded and the motion was passed.
5. VP programming requested \$1,980.00 on behalf of Music teacher for: elementary world percussion instruments, electric bass for high school, John Jacob's Music Express, sheet music for the choir and jazz band and music software. After a discussion with FOTA, the FOTA budget will pay ¼ of the request. A motion was made to provide \$1,500.00. Motion was seconded and motion was passed.
6. PTSO President requested \$500.00 for a Volunteer Appreciation dinner to be held at a German Restaurant. Motion was made to provide \$500.00 and include this as a budget line item for the next term. Motion was seconded and motion was passed.

VICE PRESIDENT-

-Requested a survey to see if the International Food Fayre with Trivia Night should be postponed. Majority voted to postpone.

-Nominations will be passed out for 2010-2011 Board Positions

TREASURER- See enclosed report for the month

SECRETARY- NO REPORT

VP WAYS & MEANS- The International Dinner chairperson was introduced as the new VP Ways & Means Board member for 2010-2011.

VP PROGRAMMING-

-Irish artist, Helen O'Sullivan Tyrell, visited March 4th. The artist had a very successful day with the students.

-An author from England will visit BAS 29 May for a writer's workshop – focusing on creative writing with 8 – 12 year olds. FOTA provided funds for transportation.

-Pennies for Peace earned approximately \$600.00.

FACULTY VP-

-Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week!

SCA REPRESENTATIVE-

-Elections will be held the week of May 17th. The new representative will be announced at the June PTSO meeting.

SLO-

-Next year a 3-star General's son with autism will speak to our community. He is a successful student at Duke.

MEMBERSHIP-

-Pre-registration packets include a request to print names in the student directory.

-Memberships will be due at the beginning of the new school year – same price.

-A PTSO member was introduced as the new Membership Committee Chair for 2010-2011.

-Booster Club held a meeting and discussed the new building. The Booster Club may be requesting funds from PTSO to help buy new items for the building.

HOSPITALITY-

-A PTSO member was introduced as the new Hospitality Committee Chair for 2010-2011.

-Discussed Teacher Appreciation Week (breakfast, luncheon, snack shack coupons, fruit basket and gift certificates for Istanbul)

-PTSO Snack Shack was cleaned.

-Mailboxes are available in the Snack Shack for committee chairs.

SCHOLASTIC-

-Thank you for all the help with the book fair. Profit of approximately \$192.98 with 20 euro coming from the Treasure Trove

BOX TOPS-

-Continue to send in box tops- profit from the year approximately \$400.00.

PUBLICITY-

-Bring your kid to work day is not listed in the DB because it is only available for NATO kids.

SNACK SHACK-

-PTSO member was introduced as the new Snack Shack Committee Chair for 2010-2011.

-Snack Shack supplemented the track meet.

FOTA-

-Requested the Committees are listed on the agenda in alphabetical order so that FOTA is not last. ☺

-14 May – Middle School Play

-1 June – Band and Chorus, currently listed in DB at 7:30 but might be changed to 7:00

-4 June – K-12 Variety Show. Auditions will begin the week of May 10th. All will get to perform IF they audition. No walk-ins. Requesting volunteers to run sound, lights or emcee.

SCHOLARSHIPS-

-Not many applications have been turned in.

NEW BUSINESS-

-A request was made to leave Board positions and Committee Chair positions available for new people moving into our community.

-A request was made to create a position for Volunteer Coordinator. PTSO Vice president will start the process of keeping track of volunteer hours before establishing a position.

-\$1.00 Snack Shack coupons were requested for all 5th graders moving up to middle school.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.