



**Home & School Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Elmwood Library
7:00 – 9:00pm
Minutes**

1) Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officers – Cathy Boerner, Colleen Tadych, Kathy Quandt, Alison Giese

Staff – Principal Royce Lindner

Parents – Ann Szefflinski, Marlo McMormick, Rachel Schaar, Kara Erchull, Robin Goff, Cathy Bartels

2) Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2014

Quorum not established, approval of Minutes tabled until May meeting.

3) Review and Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2014

Quorum not established, approval of Minutes tabled until May meeting.

4) Treasurer's Report - \$4,800 deposited into the account for Playground fund today and another \$500 came in afterwards. A check from McDonald's was received and deposited for \$275. In addition, a check received from Box Tops for Education for \$2,300. \$4,150 was spent on purchasing new risers.

- a.** Ann Szefflinski asked if donations were asked for \$15,000 or \$16,000. Answered \$15,000.

Molly Carroll informed us that the paper holder is not available through Scholastic so someone will need to look into ordering.

- b.** Playground funds – We currently have enough funds to write out a check for our portion of the payment for the equipment.

- c.** Contacted Qdoba about doing a fundraising day(Manager – Lisa Cramer). Let's do McDonald's as a fall fundraiser, Culver's in spring(Kathy Quandt knows owner and will contact).

- d.** Matty's – Pam Risberg said that we will be about \$1,000 lower than in previous years. Suggested doing a Parent's Night Out?

5) Playground Update and Next Steps

After the Special Meeting of Home & School on February 4, 2014, which was based on the quote with the Burke Equipment for approximately \$84,000.00, the School District

of New Berlin obtained another quote, dated February 7, 2014, with similar Gerber Leisure Equipment that was approximately \$70,000.00. The Home and School Executive Committee reviewed the difference and determined that the playground structure and pieces were similar in price but the major difference was in the installation and removal costs which were just over \$10,000 of the difference. The Home and School Executive Committee discussed and considered if the equipment quality was comparable and the preferred design of the different pieces and structures. The Gerber Leisure Equipment installation would be the same installers that installed the Gerber Leisure equipment in the Elmwood Northeast playground 10 years ago. After a lengthy conference call with the Gerber Leisure contractor, the Home and School Executive Committee proposed to have the main structure be Gerber Leisure but the additional stand-alone pieces be the Burke equipment preferred over the Gerber Leisure comparable pieces. The Gerber Leisure contractor can accept delivery of the Burke pieces and install them. The colors will be compatible and all warranties will be honored.

The Executive Committee of the Home and School will recommend to the School District of New Berlin to move forward with the Gerber Leisure main structure and Burke stand-alone pieces with Gerber Leisure contractors installing both with a final cost of approximately \$73,000.

Home & School will allocate approximately \$36,500 to the purchase and installation of the new playground in the Summer of 2014.

Colors for stand-alone pieces will be as follows:

Satellite Climber – Green

Spinner – Purple

Rally Round – Purple

6) Notes from the Co-Presidents, Colleen Tadych and Cathy Boerner

- a. May 20, 2014 Home & School Meeting – **Elections of Co-President and Secretary for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 term.** We also are in need of a chair for Dinner and A Show.
- b. May 20, 2014 Home & School Meeting – **Presentation and Approval of Budget for 2014-2015 School Year**
- c. Additions for next calendar year: An “Open House” for our Home and School meeting in September – perhaps an Ice Cream Social (meet and greet staff and get signatures of all Committee Chairs and staff for a raffle ticket to win a prize.

7) Notes from our Principal, Royce Lindner

Matt Wilhelm, BMX Biker Extraordinaire will be presenting at two assemblies (K-3 and 4-6) on April 2nd for \$300. His Message: "Be True to Yourself" What are your talents and don't conform for the sake of conforming with others. Orchard Lane had him and his presentation is posted on their website. The school just finished "Time for Kids" magazine. It's a helpful resource for teachers and their classroom. Coming up on the end of 3rd quarter now – three sessions of MAPS. Need to keep open lines of communication and set up meetings outside of Parent/Teacher conferences to keep up with teacher/student interactions and learning.

8) Committee Reports for Past Events

- a. **Pack Carnival – January 24th, 6-8:30pm** This event was very successful and a lot of people attended. \$1,000 was donated to the Make – A – Wish Foundation.
- b. **McDonald's Night – January 30th – 4-7pm** this event raised \$275.
- c. **Teacher's Raffle – February 3-7** this event was held daily during the week at the lunch hour. The event raised \$1,134. Need to move the date to the end of February or early March next year and need a few more volunteers for early morning/departures on day of event.
- d. **All School Skate– February 27th 6-8:00pm** 112 Skaters attended. We made 50 cents per person. This is not meant to be a fundraising event, rather a social gathering.
- e. **Movie Night** - Has been rescheduled to April 25th
- f. **Elmwood Chess Tournament – March 15th** – Concessions for Elmwood Home and School. Profit about \$700(we had to pay two cafeteria workers – still awaiting the bill from them) 230 children attended! All participants received a medal for their participation. Cathy Boerner clarified that Home & School will need to discuss with Chess Club the possibility of continuing to run the concessions during the annual tournament. This year it was offered to help raise money for the playground.

9) Committee Reports for Upcoming Events

- a. **All School Skate – March 20th from 6-8:00pm**
- b. **Book Fair – April 4-10th Mexican Fiesta Theme**
- c. **Movie Night – April 25th**
- d. **Staff Appreciation Week – May 5-9th** On track.
- e. **Cubs on the Prowl – May 9th** Good to go.
- f. **High Interest Day** – Committee offering 32 workshops. Sign-up packets being sent home at the end of March/early April
- g. **Musical is selling flowers before the performance to benefit Home and School to help purchase Risers**
- h. **Box Tops for Education** – Marie Collins is working on ideas to ramp up donations. Place Box Tops in baggies and write name/teacher/grade on front. May make a change to this next year. Still working on a challenge for the end of this school year to make one last push to earn more money. The spring contest from Box Tops can earn up to \$5,000 for the school. In years past, Ronald Regan has earned \$6,000 and Holy Apostles earned

\$5,000. Marie will place containers around school and at senior centers to collect more labels.

10) Open Floor

- a. **Riser cost:** \$635 each – 6 risers were ordered for a total cost of \$4150 less than we expected, in part due to taxes
- b. **Wilderness Week** – moved to October 10-12 (we're going to try it one last time. Also, no school on Monday October 13)
- c. **Find a night for a Buffalo Wild Wings day**
- d. **Let's try to have one restaurant fundraiser a month. (i.e. Culvers, Buffalo Wild Wings, McDonalds, Quaker Steak and Lube, Qdoba, etc.) Will advertise on Elmwood Today Show, Elmwords and by E-mail blasts as well as Facebook.**
- e. **Shout out for a job well done to Nicole Patterson who redesigned the Home and School Bulletin Board Center.**

11) Next Meeting is on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Cathy Bartels and seconded by Ann Szeflinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Kathy Quandt
Home & School Secretary**