

**Bonita Canyon PTA
General Association Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2007**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order in the MPR at 8:30am by President Jayna Lloyd.

Meeting Attendance:

The attached sheet shows attendees.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the June 8, 2007 General Meeting were approved as presented.

BOARD REPORTS

Auditor: Sherin Lee

The year-end audit (January 1, 2007-May 31, 2007) was completed and the findings and recommendations were presented. **A motion was made by Sherin Lee to approve the audit report as presented. Motion carried.**

Treasurer: Carolyn Calica and Jayna Lloyd for Donna Saito

- The PTA budget for the year was discussed. The budget for the year is approximately \$115,000, of which \$67,000 will go toward support staff salaries, \$21,500 for instructional and tech support, and \$16,000 for instructional programs. Jayna stressed that all PTA money raised stays at Bonita Canyon with the exception of the PTA dues.
- The April Quarterly Treasurer's Report was presented. **A motion was made by Carolyn Calica to accept the Quarterly Treasurer's Report as present. Motion carried.**
- **A motion was made by Carolyn Calica to approve the payment of expenses through January within the limits of the budget. Motion carried.**

President's Report: Jayna Lloyd

- Jayna thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the Fall Social, the Fall Book Fair, Red Ribbon Week, the Guy Stuff program, and Vision and Hearing Screening.
- The school directory has been published and distributed.
- The Fall Pledge Drive raised \$56,000. We have exceeded our goal of \$54,000.
- The Spring Fundraiser will be held on March 7, 2008 at Strawberry Farms. Since Bonita Canyon opened in the 1970's and will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the event will have a '70s theme.
- An order form for spirit wear will go out in this week's conduit. The new design will be used for the next few years.
- Cookbooks are on sale for \$15 each.
- The district announced that Grades 6-8 reconfiguration will not take place due to the large expense.
- Due to the fires in the area, the firefighters were unable to deliver pizzas during Red Ribbon Week. The pizza deliveries will be rescheduled.
- Team Kids will be setting up lemonade stands this weekend. The proceeds will go to Families Forward for fire relief.
- The IPSF sponsored Walk to School Day was very successful; there was an 80% participation rate for IUSD schools.

- IPSF just announced that Tim Shaw will be stepping down. Also, since the Bren grant will now cover many of IPSF's music and arts goals, the foundation will be shifting its focus to health and wellness.
- Ralph's Club and Albertson's Community Partners patrons need to re-enroll every year in order for Bonita Canyon to receive benefits. We need to encourage parents to re-enroll.

Principal's Report: Robin Beacham

- Bonita Canyon's API score of 966 was the highest in the county and the second highest in the state this year.
- Bonita Canyon was recognized last night by the California Business for Excellence in Education foundation.
- The state will be granting one time funds to be used for PE and for Visual and Performing Arts. Bonita Canyon will use the funds to purchase new equipment and a storage shed and to pay for staff development.
- This year, we have some staff changes including a new psychologist, a new speech therapist and two new instructional assistants, Sejal Nathwani and Jennifer Creel. Richard Fujii is the new PE teacher. Kristie Hickok will be the new library assistant.
- Modernization plans are moving forward. Plans should be finalized in January and will probably include extensive classroom work.
- There were 96 tardies last month. Parents were urged to get students to school on time.
- Parents were also reminded that school supervision begins at 8:00am and students should not arrive before that time.
- Robin led a discussion about open enrollment guidelines and class sizes. The following major points were made:
 - Open enrollment is allowed only if there are openings at the school and certain criteria are met. Only 20 of Bonita's students were enrolled this year because of open enrollment requests that were granted due to space availability. Other students who live outside Bonita Canyon's attendance boundaries include approximately 15 other students who were enrolled due to displacements, interdistrict transfers and administrative transfers.
 - If a class has 34 or more students, the district will provide 5 hours of aide time. This year, we will get 10 hours of aide time since we have a fifth grade class of 35 students and one with 37 students. The district is now providing more support than in past years for larger classes.
 - In Irvine, 17 elementary schools have classes with 34 or more students.
 - Bonita Canyon has actually had classes of up to 36 students in the past. The district prefers that classes are not larger than 35 students, but an upper grade class of 25 students is not realistic or practical due to excessive costs. If the current fifth grade had been divided into three classes instead of two, the class sizes would have been approximately 25 students.
 - The numbers for an upcoming year are difficult to predict so it is hard to say if the current fifth grade will have large classes next year as well.
 - The teachers and staff try to make decisions about class sizes and combos which are in the best interest of the students.
 - Bonita Canyon may get a new portable with the modernization work.

Guest Speaker: Linda Scott-Katz from IUSD

Ms. Scott-Katz gave a presentation on food and nutrition for children.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.