

Auburn Elementary School
PTO Minutes
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008

OFFICERS

President – Julie Kukla

Vice President – Louise Vozniak

Secretary – Tara Makowski

Treasurer – Kellie Rapp

1. Meeting called to order at 6:31
2. Attendee Introductions
3. Approval of minutes from May 2008 PTO meeting – approved as written
4. Treasurer's report – **2008/2009 budget** spreadsheets distributed to attendees
5. President's report – **2008/2009 calendar** distributed to attendees and has been posted to the website (<http://www.bcpsauburn.com/calendar.html>). **Fundraising flyer** to be sent home in October. **Audit** committee performed audit May 12, 2008 where it reviewed receipts vs. checks that were written. Auburn PTO is the only one in the district with its own checking account. Move to accept audit report – motion accepted. **Playground equipment** – \$5million in grants available to schools for equipment through Miracle Recreation Equipment Company although the money must be spent & equipment delivered by end of December. Julie Kukla & Mrs. Goedert volunteered to write grant. **Thank yous** were read from Mrs. Plausch & Mrs. Hoewe for retirement gifts they received.
6. VP's report – Monthly **Burger King** nights have been scheduled. **Barnes & Noble fundraiser**: Young Authors Day and Silly Sunday Slumber Stories scheduled for Sept. 27-28. Families will take a voucher to the Saginaw store where it will be scanned and a percentage of the sales will go to the school. Last year's 5th graders wrote short stories that were published and the book will be on sale that weekend. Silly Sunday Slumber Stories will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. when teachers will read stories to the kids at the store. One door prize drawing for free pizza lunch eligible to those who sign in at the door saying they're affiliated with Auburn Elem. We brainstormed for ideas to get student participation at B&N fundraiser. Kids will vote for Mrs. Goedert to play either *Dance*, *Dance Revolution*, *Guitar Hero* or *High School Musical Sing-Along*. **Yunker's fundraiser** Community Day will be Nov. 15. Flyers to be sent home. Community Day Coupon booklets sell for \$5, PTO gets \$5. Booklets must be sold in advance; looking for volunteers to sell them at the door (prior to Nov. 15) over a 4-hour period. It was suggested that they be put on sale during Parent/Teacher conferences in addition to Yunker's at-the-door.
7. Principal's report – There will be a **local heroes event** from 10-5 p.m. at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Sept. 27. **Enrollment** is 522, down from 533 last year. 10 new staff members. First field trip of the year is scheduled for Sept. 17. **Projects** for the year: Kids Caring for Kids, lunch bag lunch, monthly Spirit Days and math game days and November election. **MEAP** tests for 3rd-5th grades are scheduled for Oct. 14, 16, 21 and 23 (5th grade only; science). **Writing** is still the school's focus (Drop Everything and Write). Approximately 25 families have signed up to receive school-related emails. **Count Day** will be Sept. 24.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct. 14 & 16. It was discussed that we would ask Jeff Gillman to add “email signup” link to website.

8. Volunteer Coordinators report (Suzanne Billette sitting in for Mary Wolfgang & Leslie Seibert who were both absent from PTO meeting) – **Fundraiser company** gives 52% of sales to the school and also jump houses for Field Day and quality prizes, games, baskets & giveaways for the Fun Fair. Funds raised will be used for field trip budgeting. The **Punt, Pass & Kick** contest will be Sept. 29 from 4:30-6:00. **Family Game Night** will be Sept. 30. **Volunteer Information Night** coming soon. Monthly **Friday night “crops”** (scrapbooking); more info to follow. Volunteer sheets are still available. **Halloween Night** will be on Oct. 31, not the 30th as was listed in Auburn Attractions. We’ll look into having **Harbor Lights Photography** come to Halloween Night and take pictures. Half of the funds from pictures would go to the school. Mary & Leslie thank all of the volunteers.
9. Old business: None
10. New business: None
11. Popcorn winner: Mrs. Dillon’s class
12. Next meeting – Oct. 21 @ 6:30
13. Meeting adjourned @ 7:35 p.m.