

**Minutes of the Long Branch PTA Meeting
Held Wednesday, April 3rd in the Long Branch Library**

Attendees: Beth Dowd, Karen Kelly, Felicia Russo, Terri Stewart, Christy Hicks, Sandy Deysson, Julie Frye, Susan Nguyen, Stacy Snyder, George Rowland, Lyn Shenk, Arshia Arvandi, Stephanie Barnes, Maryann Hazel-Jackson, Denise Wydra, Phillip Zane, James Seward, Kerin Seward, Gene Alford, Mary Griffin, Jong Dai.

Meeting began at 6:31pm.

We had guest speaker, Sam Eisen, presenting, “ Yes, You Can Raise Financially Aware Kids”.

Mr. Eisen went over why raising financially aware kids is important for them to understand money, allowance and money management. He started off with a quote by James E. Stowers Jr., founder of American Century Investments.....”It is important that your children learn what they can do with money early in life so they will apply the lessons learned at home as they face the real world in future years.” He also stated, as read from the hand out given, “A survey of high school students revealed that 88% of what they learned about money came from their parents”. Want to learn more, go to www.yesyoucanonline.info for more information. Also there will be an attachment to the minutes on the PTA website with the full power point presentation.

Presentation ended at 7:36pm.

President, Beth Dowd: I want to thank Pete’s A Pizza for our PTA Pizza deal.

Approval of the Minutes: The proposed minutes of the March 2013 PTA meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Principal, Felicia Russo: If you know of anybody that has upcoming kindergarten students, please tell them to register ASAP. We need to get our enrollment numbers up or we could lose our allocation of services. I will be monitoring it through the summer. Only 2 schools can give transfers, Hoffman Boston and Randolph. We cannot take transfers. One hold up on registrations is due to the need for physicals.

- Chris Cannaday will not be returning, he is going to stay in Peru. His internship with their travel basketball team has turned into a job offer. Glen Swanson, a coach for Little League baseball will be our substitute for the rest of the year. Chris is coming back to do the flag football enrichment class.
- Lauren Doyle had her last day and is relaxing until her baby girl arrives. There will be some staff changes for next year.
- SOL testing is May 20th – June 9th. Most testing will be done online.

President, Beth Dowd: The biggest event last month was the auction. Please give Susan a round of applause for a job well done. Applause. The PTA netted \$25,000 which was \$5,000

more than we budgeted. At last year's auction we made \$27,000, and the year before we made \$25,000, so we are right where we are suppose to be. Expenses stayed the same. Good food from Cava Mezze. The Auction was great.

- Our main focus for this month, is preparing the volunteer list for next year. If you would like to get involved or know of someone, call/email me and I would be happy to answer any questions. In May we present the list of officers and vote on it in June. I have been asked to run again, thank you but I cannot, it's in bylaws.
- Our Garden clean up day is Saturday, April 10th.
- Science week is being coordinated by 5th grade teacher, Shelley Roberts. It will be SOL based information. Students love science week and have a blast.
- Night at Whitlows is Wednesday, April 17th. Karen is working with them and trying to get a separate area reserved for LB families.
- Pete's A Pizza night will be coming up on Tuesday, April 30th.
- The next PTA meeting, Tuesday, May 7th, I will present the slate of officers for next year.
- Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 6th.
- Spring fair..... the response last year was overwhelming for having the spring fair BUT if we have the fair WE ALL have to help with the fair. I had a complaint last year; someone told me that they felt threatened about cancelling the fair. I didn't like to have to threaten to cancel; we just didn't have enough volunteers until the very last minute.

Principal, Felicia Russo: I have been called for jury duty next week so if you don't see me around my number has been called. Also on Tuesday, May 7th, I will not be here. I will be analyzing another school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christy Hicks, 2012-2013 PTA Secretary.