

**PTO Richard's School Meeting**  
**August 10, 2010**

**PTO Board Present:** President: Brandy Blackinton, Vice President: Amy Howald and Secretary: Amy Barton

**Also Present:** Paula Martell and Eileen Barton

The meeting was called to order by Brandy Blackinton.

Movie night in the Park will begin Saturday, August 14 and run for six weeks. The PTO was selected as one of the two organizations to sell at the concession. The PTO will be selling popcorn, baked goods, and glow sticks. Amy Barton will contact the movie theater regarding pre-popped popcorn to sell.

The board voted unanimously to sponsor a recreation soccer team. Richards School PTO will appear on the team shirts. The cost is \$85.00.

It was suggested next year to attend Kindergarten registration to try to get the new parents on board and exciting about joining PTO. Previously boo-hoo bags were given out to the parents on the first day. This year it was suggested to have a Boo-hoo breakfast. This would be set up like a continental breakfast. Amy Howald would make a poster board display with PTO committees/events for parents to sign up at this event. Brandy will contact Patti Warren about having this on the first day of school August 30 in the cafeteria.

School starts August 30. It was suggested to have balloons in each classroom "Welcome Back" and to create Welcome Back bags for the teachers. Amy Howald will make the labels for the bags and the product for the bags can be purchased at BJ's or Sam's Club probably cheaper than buying these bags pre-made. These will be placed in the classroom prior to students arriving on the first day, if approved.

The board voted unanimously to have a Facebook page for PTO. The PTO does have a website, at a cost of \$180.00 a year, that Brandy Tanner use to keep updated. The issue is the information was not being given to Brandy to update the website. It is going to be important to feed the communication to the proper people this year to keep everyone informed. Brandy will check with Patti Warren to see if the school does a release form to have students pictures posted on the website. If they do not, one will be created and sent home in the PTO folders.

PTO folders were discussed. Brandy will get the folders and the board will get together to fill the folders. The items to be included will be a survey, introduction letter/brochure, order form for school spirit shirts, picture release (if needed), a list of committees and the contact information for the head of the committee.

Brandy is going to talk to Patti Warren about a location in the school for the possibility of a PTO Closet. It would be more convenient for everyone to have the PTO things stored in a central location that any PTO member could access instead of someone having to store the things at their home.

The first PTO meeting will be September 17, 2010. It was suggested to try to have the first meeting after the Ice Cream Social at 7:00 p.m. The ice cream social will be from 6:00-7:00. It was suggested to possibly have a babysitter at the PTO meetings to increase participation. Other PTO's offer this service and pay the babysitter \$15.00 to babysit at the meetings. The board decided unanimously not to hold raffles at the PTO meetings as this did not seem to lure people into the meetings. It was suggested to use the raffle money to give raffles out at the Volunteer night at the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Barton, Secretary