

***Si usted quiere acceso a las minutas de esta reunión en español comuníquese con la junta ejecutiva del PTO.***

As a parent of a child at Barbieri you are a member of the Barbieri PTO.  
All parents are welcome to meetings. Childcare is provided. Translation is provided.

Attendance: approximately 30 parents including PTO board, Principal Dr. McGilvary-Rivet, Anne Higgins – Director of Bilingual, ESL, and Sheltered English, Matt Torti (Director of Buildings & Grounds), and Rick Gallagher (Director of Transportation)

### **Thank yous!**

- Kim Mills provided refreshments.
- In appreciation for the work PTO does to support the teachers, the table full of desserts was provided by the teachers.
- Spanish Translation – Teresa Burke.
- Thank you to Dr. McGilvary-Rivet for all of the work she has done in her first year as principal of Barbieri!
- Thank you to Chris Pearce for his many efforts and always championing Barbieri throughout his term as President of the PTO!
- Thank you to the PTO Board members for their ongoing efforts as the rest of the Board continues their terms next year.

### **Anne Higgins – Director of Bilingual, ESL, and Sheltered English**

- Anne Higgins came to the meeting to introduce herself to Barbieri.
- This summer one of the projects she will be working on is Bilingual PAC ESL program.
- Feel free to contact Ms. Higgins with questions concerning bilingual education.

### **Matt Torti – Director of Buildings and Grounds** spoke about Barbieri Building and Grounds concerns

- Summer Barbieri Projects
  - replacing six of the roof top air handling units
  - re-inforce the roof for the structural support of snow loads and the new air handling unit weights
  - update fire alarms in Barbieri and all the buildings
  - Design Investigation – Boys and girls main bathrooms are not handicap accessible. The bathrooms are not American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and the fixtures are not the correct height for elementary aged students, because the original use of Barbieri was a middle school.
  - A full engineer assessment must be done before any of the major bathroom renovations can go through.
- Phase 1 parking passed at Town Meeting – Rick Gallagher (Director of Transportation), Dr. McGilvary-Rivet, Lt. Cronin (Safety Division) are discussing a preliminary plan for bus drop off in the front of the school with the increase in parking from Phase 1 of the parking expansion.
  - The expansion will add about sixty parking spots and a bus lane, so that we can avoid busses through Cushing Park.
- Phase 2 – relocate busses to Barbieri and expand parking further at Barbieri beyond the Phase 1 parking expansion.
  - EPA (Environmental Protection Act) requires drainage of parking lots in a certain manner to reduce the impact to the environment.
  - In order to be EPA compliant Buildings and Grounds would have to add a drainage system that would be costly. The expense of the drainage system makes it less likely for Barbieri to be used as a long-term choice for bus parking.

- Maintenance of every playground
  - Buildings and Grounds looks to PTO for funds for playground. An assessment company comes to the playgrounds and submits a list of actions for playground maintenance categorizing the actions by necessity.
  - Mr. Torti will provide the assessment of the playground to the PTO in the future in order for the PTO to plan accordingly.
- Town Issues affecting the School District
  - Study for funding of a growth model not approved. The lack of up to date information on Framingham's population growth has an effect on the School District.
  - NESDEC – New England School Development Council (NESDEC) does not have an accurate growth rate for our community.
  - Fuller Middle School Building
    - Fuller Middle School building is in need of a professional building assessment in order to assess the longevity of maintaining a school in the building.
    - The funds for an assessment of Fuller Middle School building and other buildings in town were not passed. The Fuller assessment will be brought up for funding again next year.
  - Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) will most likely not be granting us an influx of money in the next six to ten years because of their recent monetary support of Cameron Middle School, High School renovation, and Walsh.

**Rick Gallagher – Director of Transportation** spoke about Barbieri Transportation

- Barbieri has great appreciation for the bus drivers. Rick Gallagher thanks us for our support of the bus drivers.
- The busses will continue to be stored in temporary lots.
  - Loring Arena temporary parking lot area. Busses are parked at no cost to the School Department. Fifty busses at the Loring site
  - Across the street from Keefe Tech parking lot area. Busses are parked for a fee, because this is a private lot.
  - CXS – CSX is a leading supplier of rail-based freight transportation in North America (from the CSX website). We are working with them to move the busses to a vacant lot owned by CSX for a fee.
- Mr. Gallagher re-iterated Phase 2 probably will not go forward at Barbieri because of the potential high cost of the EPA drainage system.

**Principal's Report**

- Dr. McGilvary-Rivet thanks you all for your support and enthusiasm throughout the year.
- Research Fair – fun and educationally productive. The research process was apparent in all the grades.
- Horace Mann and Innovation Charter
  - Currently the Charter process is on hold, because of requirements of the Charters that are not in line with Barbieri.
  - Department of Education meeting may occur in the future about the charter possibilities.
- School wide behavior plan – helping children fulfill our school pledge.
  - The Plan is very specific and intentional about expectations in the class and in all parts of the school. Maintaining clear expectations and a calm environment are the basis for academic learning.
  - Over twenty staff members will be working on more aspects of the Plan over the summer.
  - The Plan will include an acknowledgement system that moves away from a reward system.
  - RI – response intervention, tiered instructions for children who need additional support. RI is academic and behavior based.

- Curriculum – district is in the process of aligning common core.
  - We are focusing on our science and social studies with a focus on the depth and not breadth of core concepts.
  - Focus on big ideas and bring in a cultural component specific to the culture of our school.
  - Continue to focus on student engagement methods. For example, Framingham places project that is in done during 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
    - Previously, the students were assigned a place in Framingham to research and present.
    - This year the Places project changed to let each student choose what the student wanted to study, because the goal is to teach it is to teach research and learning skills. The actual content of the project can vary.
- Parent communication – What are the best ways to communicate with all of the parent groups in our communities? Faculty, Parents, and Staff will work together to figure out many different beneficial ways to relay information and build community.
- End of the Year Events
  - Closing ceremony for 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Kindergarten Move Up Day

### **School Selection Process**

- Currently we have ninety-eight students that have selected Barbieri, but we would like up to 120 students total.
- The choice process was not the same as it was in the pass and the changes may be cause for our lower selection numbers.
- Dr. McGilvary-Rivet is working with Anne Higgins (Director of Bilingual, ESL, and Sheltered English) to figure out how we can better attract students.
- The English side student slots are full. The Spanish side student slots are not full.
- Possibilities why our Spanish side students slots are not full.
  - No half-day kindergarten for Barbieri at this time.
  - Spanish speaking parents numbers were lower this year townwide.
  - Tuition issue? Do parents know that there is aide for full day kindergarten? Some families will go to another school for kindergarten for money reasons and then transfer into Barbieri for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Re-organizing the developmentally delayed students in the District. Long-range plan to integrate the students more.
  - Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> group and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> group of developmentally delayed students. The older students will be with us and the younger students will be at another school.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Budget Discussion**

- Summer Scene – 2 for 1 student tuition. If Barbieri funds one tuition, then Summer Scene will match the funds so that two students are able to go for the price of one student.
- General Fund – General fund covers PTO insurance and Attorney General fees.
- Enrichment Fund – new line item that will be used to support before school student enrichment programs.
- Lego Club – budgeted, fees to pay for the competitions/entry fees; Legos needed. If you have Legos you would like to donate, please contact the Lego Club.
- School Garden – The school garden is a raised beds garden in the tennis court area by the playground.
- Gift Wrapping – Name change to Fall Fundraiser, because we may be going with other fundraising opportunities than gift wrapping in the future.

- Papa Gino's/O'Connell's Pub – Name change to Barbieri Restaurant Night. There may be other restaurants that will support Barbieri by donating a portion of the revenues from a specific night.
- Thank you to Spring Fundraiser volunteers for on their good works in raising over \$7,700.
- The June 30, 2011 treasurer's report will be presented in September at the first PTO meeting in the fall.
- There was a motion to add a Barbieri activewear line item of \$500.00 to purchase stock for activewear to be sold at Barbieri events. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.
- Creative Arts – continued financial support of Creative Arts programming.
- Nurse Mary Zentis re-iterated that a Nurse Fund is not necessary.
- Drama Club is self-funding. The amount of money made on ticket, concession, and advertisement sales covers the amount of money needed to purchase the rights to the show and run the show.
- Library fund – The library staffing is different this year due to District cuts, and we will leave the money in the library fund. The library fund will be called Literacy to include buying books for classrooms and the library.
- Special funds - handles music, physical education, and art teachers. Less funding for this fund may occur in the future.
- Nurse Fund – maintain Nurse Fund.
- Playground Fund – Next year, we will look into ways to fund playground maintenance and upgrades.
- Reading Night – continued financial support.
- RIF (Reading is Fundamental) – one RIF distribution instead of the three distributions per year.
- School Linked Services – funding will be discontinued, because the funding was not used.
- The budget will continue to be reviewed in September.
- Creative Arts – Much of the money funding Creative Arts is from grants. PTO supports Creative Arts.
  - Paying for the Creative Arts \$2,000.00 this year's fund and \$4,800.00 next year.
- Principal's Fund – Student of the Week, Cafeteria Reward System, Bus Reward System; In order to clarify add the principal's fund as incentive fund.
- Cookbooks - Dropping down cookbook funding to \$100.00.
- Technology Fund - added \$700.00.

There was a motion to approve the budget for the 2011-2012 school year and all the changes. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

### **General Announcements**

- Barbieri Garden - June 11 is Build Day for the raised beds.
  - Framingham State University – School Garden 101 on-line course.
- Enrichment – We will be looking at other schools to help us model our athletic enrichment program.
- Barbieri Spring Dance – Mrs. Cindy Moore and Ms. Melissa Gartman along with the students prepared an excellent Spring Dance.
- Nurse Mary will step down from PTO. Thank you for your dedication to the parents and children of Barbieri.
- Line item to subsidized 5<sup>th</sup> grade tile project this year from teacher's expense. The tile project reinforces the message of future academic goals.
  - There was a motion to help fund the tile project. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

### **Elections**

- Cristina Sandza-Donovan resigned as Vice President of the PTO Board.
- Nominations for PTO Board President
  - Nurse Mary nominated Cristina Sandza-Donovan.
  - Cristina Sandza-Donovan accepted the nomination.
  - There was a vote for president of the PTO.
  - Cristina Sandza-Donovan elected as the PTO president.

- Nominations for PTO Board Vice President – Co-Vice President
  - Nomination for Jocelynn Roberts – 5<sup>th</sup> grader, a kindergartener, and a little one at home. She is also a Barbieri Middle School alum.
  - Nomination for Lisa Cohen – 5<sup>th</sup> grader, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, and a little one.

### **Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

There was a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting ended.