

**Hilburn Drive Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2006, 6:30 pm, Hilburn's Media Center**

Opening, Ginger Mann

- Ginger called the meeting to order.

Review of PTA Goals, Ginger Mann

- Ginger distributed copies of the 2006-2007 PTA Goals.
- You may also view these goals on the PTA website.
- Ginger highlighted several items from the list of goals:
 - We want to purchase additional laptops, digital cameras, and computer printers.
 - We are once again giving grants to each classroom to help teachers with the cost of supplies.
 - We'll have activities to coincide with National Read-a-bration.
 - We want to add new playground equipment to the younger kids' playground.
 - We've already purchased grade-level sports equipment for use on the playground.
 - We'll be offering vision screenings.
 - Dental screenings will be offered to Kindergarteners and 1st graders.
- Please read the PTA newsletters for further PTA information.
- Forms for joining the PTA will be sent home in the Friday folders.
- We appreciate your support.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes, Marcia Gay

- The minutes from the May 16, 2006 General PTA meeting were voted on and approved.

Approval of Proposed PTA Budget, Tama Blackburn

- Copies of the 2006-2007 PTA Budget Proposal were distributed to the attendees.
- There was a question about Carnival and Spring Book Fair not being considered fundraisers. Tama explained that the funds raised at Carnival were the result of the Silent Auction, which will be a separate event this year. The Spring Book Fair is a buy one/get one free event, so we do not make money at that event.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2006-2007 PTA Budget Proposal. A vote was taken and the motion carried. The 2006-2007 PTA Budget Proposal was accepted.

Playground Update, Bob Weisenburger

- We worked on the playground planning over the summer and met with three contractors.
- Our goal is to provide a fun and exciting experience for our children, and also to get the best value for our purchase.
- We wanted to stay within the price range of \$15,000 - \$25,000. We accepted a \$20,000 bid from North Carolina Playscapes. \$15,000 of this money will come from the PTA and is

reflected in the new budget. We've applied for a \$10,000 grant from Wake County to cover the remainder of the cost.

- Bob showed attendees the playground plan.
- We also requested 1800 square feet of rubber surfacing for the new playground.

Principal's Report, Kristen Faircloth

- Mrs. Faircloth welcomed everyone and thanked them for being at the meeting. Studies show that children do better in school when they perceive that what they do is important.
- We've had a smooth opening to the school year.
- We currently have 767 students, and 5 more students registered today.
- Class sizes are good:
 - Kindergarten has 18-19 students per class.
 - 1st grade has 20 students per class.
 - 2nd grade has 22-23 students per class.
 - 3rd grade has 22 students per class.
 - 4th grade has 22 students per class.
 - 5th grade has 24-25 students per class.
- Open House will be held September 12 for grades 3 – 5. Open House for grades K – 2 will be held on September 14. There will be a welcome in the Multi-Purpose Room. Teachers will give individual presentations in their rooms, presented in 30-minute increments.
- We encourage parent participation at Hilburn. In order to volunteer, you will need to register online every year. This must be done at a Wake County facility. Please register early so background checks will be completed in time for upcoming field trips.
- Volunteer levels will be identified by colored badges. Please wear these badges when you are in school.
- Pre-EOG testing for 3rd graders will start tomorrow and continue through Friday.
- September 20th is Ident-a-Kid day.
- September 22nd is an Early Release Day. There has been a change to our early release time. We will now dismiss at 12:45pm. September 22nd will also be Crazy Hat Spirit Day.
- On September 25th interim reports will go home.
- Our first Terrific Kids assemblies will be held on September 26th.
- September 29th is School Picture day.

Closing, Ginger Mann

- Ginger adjourned the meeting.
- Following the PTA meeting, Virginia Parker spoke to attendees about the up-coming school bond vote.

Our next General PTA Meeting will be held on December 5th.