

**June 1, 2011**

Hut Beall, Terri Mayrand, Jane Plager, Meg Clark, Alice Patton, Shelley Jackson, Diana Stiles, Carole Pennock, Sara Harvey (incoming President)

1. *Welcome:* Hut welcomed everyone to our final meeting of 2010-11 schoolyear, and introduced our Officers for 2011-12: President, Sara Harvey P'15; Vice-President, Lee Rubeck P'15, '17; Treasurer, Terri Mayrand P'12, '15; Secretary, Meg Clark P'17.
2. *Treasurer's Report:* Beginning balance was \$12,707.56. Expenses: School Store (\$954.35 Lands' End; \$215.54 for notecards). Income: Spring Fling Bake Sale, 460.25; Book Fair, 400.00. Ending balance is \$12,613.46. Next month's report will include \$72.23 income from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards, and School Store from Grandparents' Day, approximately \$1,550.
3. *School Store:* Grandparents' Day was a huge success - approximate sales of \$1,550. Lands' End tote bags were a big hit, as were the new notecards. Meg appreciated everyone's help that day, and it was a great way to end the year.  
There is remaining Deans Beans coffee & Tea Guys tea, so we will have a one-day, first-come first-served sale on Tuesday afternoon at pickup with discounted pricing so we don't have to store these items over the summer. Hut will inventory the remaining Class Projects from Spring Fling, and will email appropriate class reps to see if anyone is interested in one last chance to purchase these items.  
Meg solicited ideas for additional items to reproduce the food mural on. Suggested: cutting boards, aprons, grocery listpad, mousepad, placemats.
4. *Old Business:* **Spring Fling Fair** - Beth Melnik has received feedback from a number of parents, and will email Hut the thoughts she collected from folks about the Fair.
4. *Upcoming Events:* **Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - Flyers to solicit volunteers will go home this week, invitations were emailed to our guests. Officers will meet following this meeting to discuss remaining details.  
**End-of-Year Gift** - Considering a few additional pop-up tents for general school use (events, sports, PA, etc.) Shelley will get back to us if there are items suggested by the staff that we also might consider. will meet to further plan.
5. *New Business:* **Lower School Orientation Day** - Carole Pennock presented the new plans for a Lower School Orientation Day, scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th from 3-5pm. Faculty & Staff have been looking for a way to streamline the numerous events that occur at the beginning of the year, and this new Orientation will replace separate New Parents' Tea, Blazer Exchange, and Lower School Open House events. Teachers felt that Open House was too far into the month already, to present the year's goals & objectives, procedures, etc to parents. This day will provide time for classes to meet, parents to meet with teachers, shop at the School Store, obtain blazers & patches, and enjoy food, fun & games together on campus prior to the beginning of the school year. All Lower School staff will be present, time with teachers

will be scheduled in three separate 1/2-hour blocks, so that families with multiple grades to attend will be able to visit everywhere they need to.

Carole requested we pass along Class Representatives names as soon as they are organized, so that they may assist in getting information to L.S. families over the summer about this. There will be an opportunity for classes to gather at this event, but it does not necessarily replace a 'welcome-back' party, if the class so chooses.

Schedule will come in Carole's end-of-the-year letter, providing as much advance notice as possible for families to arrange their schedules to be able to attend that day.

Upper School will have a different orientation for new students the week prior, and families will receive that information over the summer.

This event does NOT replace the All-School Picnic, which will still be held September 16th.

**Lost & Found** - Terri is accepting suggestions for an inconspicuous place to display L&F at Baccalaureate and Commencement, when parents will be available to identify their children's clothing items. Kittredge Building porch was determined to be best spot. Much praise and compliments to Terri for tackling L&F, and keeping Bement tidy & neat this year!

**Miscellaneous** - Sara Harvey announced that Alice Patton would again serve as Parent Representative/Liason for the 2011-12 schoolyear. Hut closed the meeting by very generously thanking the other officers for their work & support these past two years. Speaking on behalf of the Officers, we can't begin to express how much we appreciate the leadership, effort, kindness and dedication she has provided to the Bement School in the six years she, Andy & Charlie have been a part of our Bement community, and we wish them the very, very best in the coming school years. Thank you Hut, for always being there (literally!). We also would like to thank Jane for her many years of dedication to Bement and the Parents' Association, and hope that she will enjoy her "leisure time" next year, scouting out secondary schools! Thank you, Jane, you are an invaluable resource, and trust us, we know where to find you when we need you!

## **Next Meeting:**

September 2011 – Have a great summer, everyone!