

## Birchtree BPG Meeting Minutes

**Mission of Birchtree Charter School:** to nurture and promote the development of healthy, responsible, and creative human beings.

**The Birchtree Learning Plans includes:**

- that the personal behavior of adults and teachers at BCS will be an example to the pupils.
- that each class will be a learning community for respect, tolerance, and understanding.
- that BCS is designed to function as a living system that balances initiative and accountability. All teachers, staff, and participants will be asked to make a commitment to develop him or herself along with the pupils.



**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012**

**Time: 3:45-4:15 p.m.**

BPG Present: Jennifer Budde, Lora Mahoney, Kristi Shea, Kelly Nelius, Jo Terwilliger, Heather Betts  
Others Present: Mary Beth Feldman, Cathy Busby, and Brandt Bowen

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Budde at 3:45 pm.

**MOTION:** to amend the agenda to add Run thru the Birches as A and add Brandt Bowen, 7<sup>th</sup> grade fundraisers before the Consent Agenda by Kristi Shea.

Seconded by Kelly Nelius

Passed Unanimously

Seventh Grade Fundraisers: Brandt Bowen presented fundraiser that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class could do. Fundraisers ideas were a Middle school Social and tie dye t-shirts.

**MOTION:** to approve Middle School Social and Tie Dye t-shirts by Lora Mahoney.

Seconded by Kelly Nelius

Passed Unanimously

**MOTION:** to approve the consent agenda by Kristi Shea

Seconded by Kelly Nelius

APC Report: Lori Berrigan reported that the APC is working on the joint retreat. They also discussed testing in a public Waldorf School and keep the Waldorf principals.

Cathy Busby met with District personnel to discuss the parking lot. The communications and volunteer committee was tabled until joint retreat. The Pedagogical Council consists of Donna Levesque, Dan Klauer, Diana Basner, Solvejg Rogers, Kim Detert, Diep Tran.

Susan met with Scott and discussed buying the property next door.

Still working with the district to get our property taxes that the borough asked the district to give Charter Schools.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Betts still going through Quick Books to figure out unrestricted funds. We received \$3500 from the PTA grant. Need help on figuring out the budget.

**MOTION:** to create a budget committee with Heather Betts as Chair by Lori Berrigan

Seconded by Ruthann Baker

Passed Unanimously

Suggested committee Heather Lee, Kelly Nelius, and Kelly Strawn

Fall Festival: \$2688.30 was raised, \$600 in expenses. All seemed to run smoothly. Gratitude was expressed to second grade and lead parents.

Pick, Click and Give BPG has been approved. Wasilla Senior Center will promote the pick click and give for the BPG for \$50.00.

**MOTION:** to have the Wasilla Senior Center promote Pick, Click and Give for \$50 by Kristi Shea  
Seconded by Kelly Nelius  
Passed Unanimously

Run thru the Birches Kristi Shea asked the Board to make the Run thru the Birches an annual event.

**MOTION:** to have the Run thru the Birches annually by Lori Berrigan  
Seconded by Kelly Nelius  
Passed Unanimously

Election- Ruthann Baker presented ballot to be approved by board.

**Motion:** to approve the ballot amended with Lora Mahoney added as teacher candidate by Kristi Shea  
Seconded by Jo Terwilliger  
Passed Unanimously

Auction- Need approval of the board for the sale of beer and wine.

**MOTION:** to approve the sale of liquor at the auction by Kelly Nelius  
Seconded by Ruthann Baker  
Passed Unanimously

Create Fundraising Committee

8<sup>th</sup> grade committee tabled  
Need to create fundraising committee

**Motion:** to create fundraising committee with Heather Lee Chair with the committee bringing back guidelines and vision back the board by Kristi Shea.  
Seconded by Ruthann Baker

Acknowledge Kelly Nelius Resignation- Jennifer Budde and the board thanked Kelly for her service to the board.

**MOTION:** to adjourn the meeting by Lora Mahoney  
Seconded by Heather Betts