

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

6:30 ó 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Liz Wager at 6:35. There were 17 people present.
2. Garden to Table Presentation
 - a. Bryce Brown and Jay Ruggeri - Bryce gave a verbal and written report introducing the philosophy and logistics of the Garden to Table program.
 - i. First started at Creekside Elementary in 2005
 - ii. Program concentrates on improving school food, and education enrichment regarding healthy and sustainable food
 - iii. Promotes wellness, healthy food, environmental sustainability, and community
 - iv. Seeds, hoses, and support will be provided, we would be able to start this spring, irrigation infrastructure is already in place
 - v. PTA would need to recruit and organize volunteers
 - vi. There's no specific curriculum, but existing schools can share what they've done.
3. Approval of the Minutes ó Minutes were approved as written
4. Report of the Officers ó
 - a. President's Report ó Liz Wager
 - i. All current officers, including Debbie Breitman, if she is allowed to, will hold their same positions next year. However, we need a nominating committee to find someone to be treasurer-in-training next year. The current members of the committee are Jenny Bickle, Tori Guess, Monica Gajdys, and Debbie Breitman
 - ii. We also have a new Community Building Chair, a Program Chair, and a PR volunteer.
 - iii. PTA State Convention ó April 24th and 25th. We are looking for several people to attend.
 - iv. We need to add a business meeting on April 7th to hold elections, and give time for people to present funding requests and fundraising ideas for next year. Then, the budget committee will present a proposed budget at the April 21st board meeting. May 5th will be a general/planning meeting.
 - b. Treasurer's Report ó Debbie Breitman
 - i. We've received a funding request for Family Literacy Night for \$1075. We have funds available which were budgeted, but never spent. Suzanne Hoagland made a motion to use some of this money for this event, and Cathy Morson seconded it. Motion was approved.
 - ii. Debbie also requested that PTA fund the purchase of QuickBooks for \$130, which will make the treasurer's job much easier, and even potentially allowing the treasurer to file the taxes, saving the PTA \$500 every year. A motion was made by Alisha Florian, to make this purchase, Jamie Martin seconded it, and the motion was approved.
 - iii. Debbie distributed the current budget report.
 1. It was clarified that club funding requests must go through Julie Marquez and Holly Hultgren before being forwarded on to Debbie for reimbursement.

- c. 2nd Vice President's Report ó Monica Gajdys
 - i. Monica gave a Share Point demo. We still need a log-in from the district, and Monica is working with Karren Stuart to get this. Monica will also meet with different groups to determine what information needs to be included in each section of the system.
 - d. Principal's Report ó Holly Hultgren
 - i. The book room work day had only 1 volunteer, but an additional work day is scheduled for Feb. 27th
 - ii. Our school is signed up for the CAP program to be held in November, 2009. CAP personnel will train teachers, meet with parents, and then work with students. The cost is \$7 per student.
 - iii. BVSD is dealing with budget cuts, and is looking for places where money isn't being spent. So, LES will make sure to have just a little money rollover to next year.
 - iv. Family Literacy Night is February 3rd. They have already received 100 RSVPs
 - v. Open Enrollment is completed. Holly thanked all those on the PTA who helped out during the meetings. We may be adding an additional Kindergarten class in the fall.
 - vi. The Lafayette elementary school principals are exploring and discussing a possible late start Wednesday to add coordination time for teachers. This will not impact the hours in the classroom or the BVSD calendars sent out for parent input.
 - 5. Reports of Chairs and/or Committees
 - a. Winter Concert/Fundraiser committee is meeting tomorrow night
 - 6. New Business ó Garden to Table
 - a. February 10th meeting will go forward
 - b. We have two parent volunteers: Mary Wilke is the Communications volunteer, and another parent volunteered for the Parent Curriculum position
 - c. Mary Wilke will put together a write-up for this week's Lafayette Lookout
 - d. Mary will also pull together a flier for the Friday Folders on February 6th. She will submit the flier to Holly to review on Monday, February 2nd
 - e. Mary will also work with Holly for the teacher/staff meeting on February 5th.
 - 7. Announcements
 - a. February 3 ó Literacy Night 5:30 ó 7:30
 - b. February 10 ó Garden to Table
 - c. February 12 ó Principal Coffee Chat
 - d. February 19 ó Winter Concert and Fundraiser
 - e. February 24 ó PTA Board Meeting
 - 8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00
- Respectfully submitted by Tori Guess