

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

6:30 ó 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Liz Wager at 6:30. Thirteen people were in attendance.
2. Approval of the Minutes ó A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Alisha Florian. It was seconded by Lynn Williams and approved.
3. Reports ó
 - a. SIT ó Michelle Cuthbertson
 - i. SIT has a year-round process focusing on accountability, data, goals, and strategies.
 - ii. The mid-year progress report has just been completed and is public record, available for any interested parties.
 - iii. Many goals are in progress, some have already been completed.
 - iv. Goals have to do with equity of achievement, and climate.
 - v. SIT reps and other staff members have been having meaningful conversations with Latino families regarding school goals and strategies, as well as the specific needs and concerns of second-language learners.
 - b. President ó Liz Wager
 - i. Winter Concert Fundraiser ó We raised over \$1100
 - ii. Welcome Debra McCloskey ó Community Building Chair
 - c. Treasurer ó Deb Breitman
 - i. Submitted a written budget and spreadsheet
 - ii. She has installed Quickbooks and plans to have data converted over by next month.
 - iii. Bruce Buchanan mentioned that we don't need to buy prizes for fitness club, but will need \$30 - \$50 for refreshments on the last day.
 - d. Principal Report ó Holly Hultgren
 - i. Parent/Teacher conferences are March 2nd, 4th, and 10th. PTA will be organizing meals for the teachers. We can't use the library for babysitting younger siblings, so the teachers need to communicate with their parents that child care will not be available, but if parents have no choice, they should bring their children with them to the conference.
 - ii. CSAP begins Monday March 2nd, and will continue for the next 12 days. The tests and make-ups will be finished by spring break.
 - iii. Parents need to register for Kindergarten next year. We have approximately 40 students registered, and we anticipate about 100.
 - iv. The district will be holding informational forums about the budget which will be open to the public.
4. Reports of Chairs and/or Committees ó
 - a. Teacher reps
 - i. Second grade rep ó Sue Grant ó They are using their funds as a team to buy books so all classrooms can do the same author studies and read-alouds throughout the year.
 - ii. Kindergarten rep ó Connie Esch ó They are going to buy two new incubators with their funds.

5. New Business ó
 - a. PTA Culture, communication and accountability ó Liz Wager
 - i. This year, the PTA has gone through many changes including more accountability, and utilization of the org chart.
 - ii. As members of the PTA, we all need to be mindful regarding interactions with volunteers, and create a positive environment.
 - b. PTA supply cabinet in teacherø lounge ó Jennie Bickel - Reminder that the PTA cabinet in the staff lounge holds PTA supplies.
 - c. EduKit program ó Jennie Bickel ó We will have this program again this year. We can buy extra kits and return any we donø sell, at no cost. We can have the extras available for purchase in the office during assessment days.
6. Old Business ó
 - a. Garden to Table ó Liz Wager and Mary Wilkie
 - i. Weøve had good parent feedback; almost all lead volunteer positions are filled, and all committees have at least 1 volunteer already.
 - ii. March 7th will be a workday where we can prepare the soil
 - iii. Planting will begin during the first week of April.
 - iv. Resource 2000, a recycling center has offered to provide materials to add a second, raised bed, which will be wheelchair accessible. We are also working on receiving additional sponsorship from Home Depot. We will work on April 26th, again with Kids Park, to prepare this second area for planting early to mid-May.
 - v. Garden to Table (Grove Foundation) will pay for compost, irrigation components, and seeds. Retaining wall, subsequent soil additions, paving stones, and other aesthetic modifications are the responsibility of the school.
 - vi. Several community groups have offered to care for the garden during the summer.
 - vii. Our parent curriculum coordinator is going to attend training on March 3rd. We may be able to tape the training.
 - viii. Teachers are on board, but we still need a teacher curriculum coordinator.
 - ix. Connie Esch made a motion to go ahead with this program, Holly Hultgren seconded, motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Liz Wager
8. Announcements-
 - a. Eden Maddy (2nd grade) received 2nd place in CO PTA Reflections for poetry
 - b. March 7th ó Kids Park Clean-up day
 - c. March 31st ó PTA Board Meeting
 - d. April 7th ó PTA General Meeting ó present funding/budget requests for next school year
 - e. April 21st - PTA Board meeting ó budget discussion ó dinner before the meeting??
 - f. April 24th and 25th ó PTA State Convention
 - i. Liz
 - ii. Suzanne
 - iii. Debbie
 - iv. Jennie
 - g. May 5th - General Meeting?

Respectfully submitted by Tori Guess