

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5th, 2009

7:30 ó 9:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order by Liz Wager at 7:00. There were 13 people in attendance.
2. Approval of the Minutes ó Sue Grant motioned to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Steve Lohn, and they were approved.
3. New Business
  - a. Approval of treasurer ó Susan Churchill mad a motion to approve the appointment of Jennie Bickel as PTA treasurer. Suzanne Hogland seconded. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
  - b. Signors of bank account should be Sue Grant, Liz Wager, and Jennie Bickel. Debbie Breitman should be removed from the signor list.
  - c. Proposed dates for 09/10 Board Meetings ó Liz Wager and Holly Hultgren
    - i. Liz, Holly, and Michelle Cuthbertson set preliminary dates. Calendar will be finalized on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Generally, board meetings will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Proposed dates are as follows:
      1. August 12 ó teacher luncheon
      2. August 25 ó board meeting
      3. September 9 ó Back to School Night
      4. September 22 ó board meeting
      5. October 27 ó board meeting
      6. No board meeting in November
      7. December 1 ó board meeting (note, this meeting is not on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
      8. December 9 ó All Cultures Festival
      9. January 26 ó board meeting
      10. February 23 - board meeting
      11. No board meeting in March
      12. March 2 ó Family Story night, with elections at general meeting this night.
      13. April 13 ó board meeting
      14. May 4 ó board meeting
    - ii. Any questions or requested changes can be taken to the team leader meeting.
    - iii. We still need to add in family nights.
    - iv. Mary Wilkie ó Would like to build a Week of Wellness around Earth Day next year, with events including a documentary, and a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade service learning project.
    - v. Holly ó Talent show will no longer be in December, may be moved to spring. We need to be in dialogue with John if we're planning on adding a fundraiser to his event.
    - vi. Mary Wilkie made a motion to approve the draft of proposed PTA dates for next year. Holly Hultgren seconded, and it was passed by unanimous vote.

d. Sharing of convention ideas

- i. Suzanne Hoagland ó Convention had great general sessions and workshops. Take-away ideas include:
  1. AED ó Heart Smart defibrillators, usually \$3500, can be purchased for \$700, including training. Can save lots of lives
  2. Building Bridges ó mental health education, nurturing the nature of boys and girls differently.
- ii. Liz Wager ó Watch DOGS ó program to improve dad involvement in school. Kit is \$300, including training DVD and promotional items.
- iii. Monica Gadjys ó
  1. Big Tent ó A web space for PTA, similar to SharePoint, but can give more access than the BVSD system would provide. It is free, with ads on page.
  2. Fundraiser ó on-line shopping. If families shop via our website at places such as amazon.com, the PTA receives a commission. Annette also mentioned Good Search, a similar program. We can compare these programs to find the best fit for us.
  3. Shorten Board meetings to one hour, and use this hour for decisions only. Then, add in business/working meetings (teachers would be invited, but not required to attend).

4. Reports ó

a. Principal's report ó Holly Hultgren

- i. SIT will be meeting from 5-6 before 3 PTA functions next year, and also have 5 after school meetings.
- ii. Principal coffees and chats will be held monthly, on Thursday mornings, except in March
  1. The September and October meetings will be in Spanish and English with social time in between. All other meetings will be in English with Spanish translation.
- iii. LES is growing, but our budget is shrinking. Impact on Education has decreasing resources, and PTA funding is decreasing for next year.
- iv. Open Enrollment open houses will be added onto the calendar.
- v. Calendar should be finalized by the end of May
- vi. CAP ó Child Abuse Prevention
  1. We're signed up for this program to happen in November. Package includes teacher training, parent orientation (November 4<sup>th</sup>), and classroom sessions focusing on stranger danger and personal safety. CAP can return with a refresher course for K and 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders for the next two years.
  2. Cost is \$7 per student, ~ \$4000, due in November. PTA has committed to pay for half the cost, and we can solicit parent donations. We can also look into using the assembly budget for this.

b. Reports of Chairs and/or Committees

- i. Garden to Table ó Mary Wilkie was able to purchase a shed for \$100 less than budgeted and requested permission to use the savings to buy need tools. Motion was made by Suzanne Hoagland, seconded by Monica Gadjys, and approved by unanimous vote.
- ii. Audit Committee Members ó Debbie Breitman, Tori Guess, Tracy Atkinson, Suzanne Hoagland. After audit, Jennie Bickel will officially take over the books.

5. Announcements ó

- a. Financial Resources co-chairs ó Annette Gruba and Andrea Hammersly
- b. Copy Person ó Sheri Goodman
- c. Grant Writing ó Julie Peterson

6. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00