

# Board Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Call to Order

1. **Matter of Order** – Meeting was called to order by Liz Wager @ 6:36. There were 19 people in attendance.
  - a. Approval of the Minutes from Oct. 27th meeting - The motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Steve Lohn, seconded by Sue Grant, and passed.
2. **Reports ó**
  - a. Treasurer ó Jennie Bickel ó
    - i. King Soopers cards ó She has some available tonight. In the first month of activity we sold \$4300. Weðl get a check after \$5000.
    - ii. Passed around acct balances, and statements, Jamie Ladwig signed off on them.
    - iii. Fundraising report - Andrea Hammerslyó OriginalWorks - \$3000 profit, will be sent home Tuesday. Sally Foster - \$5,000 profit, will be sent home on Friday. Jennie ó e-mails will be sent home advising parents to pick up SF on Friday, if they wish.
    - iv. Jennie ó passed around budget report. Last year expenses and profits were combined. Now, listed separately. Weøre spending money made last year; total is not how much weøve made this year. Added this yearø total income & expenses at bottom of page.
    - v. CAPP ó \$1445 left to pay. We had \$660 in donations. Weðl need \$785 which wasnøt budgeted. Final payment is due in May. Weðl table this until Feb. meeting.
    - vi. Principal Report ó Holly Hultgren ó First Open Enrollment (OE) tour - Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 in cafeteria. First, 30 minutes of discussion, and new Powerpoint presentation. Then parent tours. In past parent reps have been present to meet and greet, give tours, & assemble packets ó PTA newsletter, school newsletter. Next week, weðl receive the new Lafayette schools brochure. OE opened yesterday, closes Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. Luisa Patino and Patty Gruber can help, but usually this is parent-driven. Approx. 1/3 to 1/2 of OE visitors are LES parents deciding if they want to enroll. On-site volunteers ó Annette, Liz, Andrea, Diana. Donøt need refreshments for the 12:30 tour, but coffee for morning tours.
    - vii. Survey of Spanish-speaking parents ó Luisa Patino, Marian Wright Lydia Ontiveros, Megan Leuthold, and Holly have been meeting. They set up immigration workshop on 12/16. Also, literacy night w/Lafayette library (library cards, Spanish resources, homework help club, etc.) along with teachers (how to do literacy in first language, while learning English at school). Liz ó At last coffee chat, there were 3-4 English-speaking, 10 Spanish-speaking parents. Next coffee is 12/17 8:30-9:30, all are invited
3. **President's Notes** – Liz Wager
  - a. Liz, Monica, and Gretchen Ferraro are working on newsletter calendar.
  - b. PTA convention April 23-24- \$800 in budget, paying for 3-4 people. Highly recommended.
  - c. PTA legislative conference in Feb. ó Lorie Roch will be there, \$50 per person, can use conv. \$.
4. **Presentations/Discussion**
  - a. DPC Report ó Debi Serke ó
    - i. *Reading to End Racism* ó For a small fee, volunteers come & read books to encourage understanding of other cultures. Organizers will meet w/principal, teachers, and set up day. The hope is that teachers will have curriculum building up to the event. Main goal is getting students to talk about this issue, with the book being jumping-off point for discussion. How would you feelí is this a real problemí Holly ó district is encouraging

this, good for community, literacy. Jan word of month is tolerance, so that timeline would be a good fit. Program would take 45 minutes in classroom. Fits our mission. Holly Needs feedback from teachers. Steve ó Program had an overwhelmingly positive response last time. Debi passed info around. Can include parent training on what program is all about. Debi will be parent liaison.

- ii. Chris King is building a superintendent budget task force, including educators and community-members, to look at budget and where to make cuts. Info on website, looking for people w/budget experience.
- iii. Motorola will pay for cell phone recycling, based on type of phone. We would need to send 100 at a time. Joan Fries currently collects phones and printer cartridges, money goes to special ed. Debi will talk with her. Holly ó willing to support, maybe one-time push, with green theme. Mary ó April, for earthday? May?
- b. **Onecause** shopping portal through school website ó Monica ó Passed out handout. Use this website to shop on-line at stores such as amazon, target, etc. Stores give website percentage & we get 50% of their cut, up to 20% of sales. Info going home in Friday folders. Need to register as LES buyer. Many local schools are doing this. Jennie ó add to LES website & add to handout? Monica will look into this.
- c. **Just Between Friends** – PTA online networking ó Monica ó LES families only. We’re using this to manage membership, so PTA members are in system, but still need to sign in, get access to membership form, join a group (LES, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, etc.). Can access calendars (ex for 5<sup>th</sup> grade), photos, class newsletter, can print directory. You can control how much info is accessed. Can also be used to send reminders. Monica is administrator; teachers can send her or Chris info once a week to enter in. When info is uploaded, auto e-mail of group. Can also be used to manage volunteers & build community. Paid for by national PTA.
- d. All Cultures Festival ó Tracy Meyers ó exchange students can’t come. Still waiting to hear from Chris Newby re: sing-along dads. Also asking Chris to emcee. Liz ó 4<sup>th</sup> graders 7:05-7:30, Mexican dance club, probably flexible, 6:45? Flamenco dancer confirmed. Tracy ó flyer needs to go out Friday. Last flyer Luisa did in 2-3 days, but won’t be ready until tomorrow. Holly - Keep original flyer. Mary ó use last year’s sing-along dad info, add drop off, ent. info. Rocky Mtn center for musical arts wants to have a table that night. Holly ó yes, in library, 6:30-7. Jennie -Reikens will do Irish Step dancing. Flamenco dancer first, dance club, step dancing. Lisa Chinnery ó ideas for tables for kids to color. Holly ó kids stay with families. Liz ó maybe use those during childcare at Jan meeting. Drop-off food 5:15, dinner 5:30 ó 6:30, open house 6-7, ent. 6:30-7:30. Jennie ó still need big drink containers. Holly ó can use multi-purpose room tables. Liz ó trying to get students to help with food for community service. Holly ó specialist teachers can maybe help. Steve ó teachers have info in classroom updates? Yes.
- e. Need Nominating Committee of 3-4 people. Tell Liz by 12/11 if you would like to stay in your position, or move to another. Elections in March. Need to post who is running to school community in Feb. Annette ó send info to whole school detailing open positions? Yes.
- f. Fundraiser survey ó Jamie, Andrea, Annette will prepare survey to be sent home Jan or Feb.

## 5. Announcements

- a. Open Enrollment Open House Tour @12:30 Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>
- b. All Cultures Dinner and Festival Wed. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -7:30
- c. Principal Coffee Chat Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30
- d. O E Tour @ 9:00 Jan. 11
- e. PTA General Meeting Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 ó 8:00 ó Mike Medina
- f. O E Tour @ 12:30 Jan. 13
- g. Principal Coffee Chat Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30
- h. PTA Board meeting Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

Meeting was adjourned by Liz Wager at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted by Tori Guess