

Jessie Beck PFA General Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2011

Call to Order

President Faith Osgard began the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Attendance

Faith Osgard (President), Derek Vogel (Vice President), Paula Murphy (Treasurer), Julie Callahan (Assistant Treasurer), Andrea Baccigaluppi (Secretary), Scott Nebesky (Past President), Marilyn Harper (Teacher Representative), Diana York (Teacher Representative), Kathleen Moore (Teacher Representative), Jenni Anderson (Principal),

Caryn Swobe, Lanny Hershenow, Cynthia Ibarra, Shonee Hansen, Cathy Lowden, Kathryn Milliken, Scott Nebesky, Amber Haw, Jenny Kanekoa, Mischelle Leach, Stacy Blanton, Lori Ashley, Alissa Turner

Introductions

PFA Board, staff, and parents introduced themselves

Approval of the Minutes of September 8 Meeting

Moved by Caryn Swobe, seconded by Paula Murphy, carried unanimously. Faith will send out Minutes and Agenda to PFA members henceforth.

Reports

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Anderson stated that she was very impressed with Scarecrow. Would love to see this much turnout in the building at other times.

Instructionally things are going well. Starting to look at MAPS data. Things looking good.

President's Report:

P.E. - PE Teacher, Trisha Chism, started last week. Everyone is getting PE twice a month. We are under budget so might consider getting her to come more.

Pencil Sharpeners - Last year pencil sharpeners bought for teachers. About half broke. Getting those replaced under warranty.

Technology Credit - \$29,000 credit issued by school board for Smart Boards purchased by PFA. The credit can be used for technology. Thanks to Jenni and School District for making this work. Also considering giving us a credit for the ActivBoards we already bought. We would need to use this credit towards

technology. Mobile Computer Lab might be one option. Another option is ActivExpressions.

ELMOs - Getting ready to order ELMOs for all teachers/classrooms.

ActivBoards - The ActivBoards have been installed, but laptops are on the way. Some of the drops for the computers will also need to be changed during revitalization.

Treasurer's Report: See handout

\$39,000 in the account.

Scarecrow analysis on 2nd page. Looks like we net about \$5,000. Still a few more expenses coming in. Looks like about the same as last year (\$4600).

Committee Reports

Scarecrow Contest:

Lanny reported it went really well. This is the first year we had to buy everything for the Snack Wagon so that was a bigger expense.

Spell-a-Thon – Karen Bradley

Going on schedule as planned Packets will go out 11/3 and be due back on the 30th.

Test will take place on 11/18

Mileage Club – Shonee Hansen

Started about six years ago. Each student gets a card that gets stamped for each lap.

The average student goes through 3 – 5 cards per year. The kids get tokens and backpack tags. At the end of the year all the kids get certificates. Gets kids moving.

Shonee's youngest are moving on to Swope, but she plans to stay involved.

However, if someone wants to take over she is happy to show them the ropes.

Public/Government Relations – Caryn Swobe

Caryn encourages everyone to join Parent Leaders for Education whose website is educationpriority1.org. Caryn explained how this group got started. About 1,000 members at this point. Has been very effective, but goal is to get more parents involved.

Go Green Club – Amber Haw

This club, now in its third year, started because oldest child was ill and couldn't do mileage club. 155 kids showed up to first sign-up. It's free and not subsidized by the PFA. The kids get a tee-shirt. The older kids are captains who dump recycle bins. Quarterly do a clean-up. Also have speakers, such as Hamilton Solar and a chef

who came to talk about not wasting food. Very limited on time because during school time. Last year did a Book Swap. This is Amber's last year so need someone to take over. This year Cotton Inc. has a non-profit called from Blue to Green. Only school in NV selected to participate. Big honor to be chosen. It takes 500 pairs of jeans to insulate one house. Gives to communities in need, Habitat for Humanity,

hurricane areas, etc. Had a meeting last week and explained the jeans transformation to insulation. Collected 284 pairs of jeans. Daughter's goal is to get 1500. Next drive at Discovery Museum on 10/15 then final drive at Whole Foods on 10/22 from 10 – 4. Biggest expense is shipping. Have obtained sponsors including ITS and Hamilton Solar. Kids can wear the shirts whenever they want, but encouraged to wear every Friday. Principal announces meetings to students and kids give up recess to attend. Next meeting will be a clean-up during a lunch recess in November. Would love to have donations for tee shirts. 220 shirts cost about \$4.00 each. Can still bring jeans into the Donate Clothing Bins in the cafeteria. October 22nd is last day to collect jeans. Jenni will put a message in this Sunday's ConnectEd. Drawing for free family membership or \$50.00 gift certificate. Jenni suggested Amber come in to do a Connect Ed announcement.

Review and Approval of PFA Bylaws –See handout

Motioned by Paula and seconded by Derek.

ESL Reimbursement

This \$6300 will come back to us and is not in the budget.

New Business

Review and Approval of 2011-12 PFA Budget – See handout. The following changes were unanimously approved:

Laptop on back page no longer needs to be purchased. So this is \$900 saved.

Jogathon - Error on page said \$500, but was supposed to be \$1000

Music Budget - Pioneer performing arts programs received unfavorable reviews last year. Would like to move this \$400 money into the music supplies budget and bring it to \$900. Mr. Unruh plans to buy keyboard.

Scanners for math – These would cost approximately \$600. Motion to approve unanimously carried.

Paula Murphy proposed a budget line item be added for Go Green Club in the amount of \$1000. Motion to approve unanimously carried.

Announcements

El Adobe Night 11/7

Printmaking Art Workshop tomorrow.

Lori Ashley went to Brown Bag Lunch. Graduation rate increased, but not necessarily graduating more educated kids. Lori is part of a committee looking at revising bell schedules. Will report back to PFA with information.

Lanny suggested more people join PFA. Also there are more tee shirts left to buy

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. 1st Paula. 2nd Derek