

Jessie Beck PFA General Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Call to Order

Vice President Derek Vogel began the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Attendance

Derek Vogel (Vice President), Paula Murphy (Treasurer), Julie Callahan (Assistant Treasurer), Kathleen Moore (Teacher Representative), Marilyn Harper (Teacher Representative), Jenni Anderson (Principal)

Cathy Lowden, Laurie Lough, Alicia Sendon, Amy Willoughby

Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2011 Meeting

There were no minutes to review and approve. This will have to be done at the December meeting.

Introductions

PFA Board, staff, and parents introduced themselves.

Reports

Principal's Report:

Jenni reported that parent teacher conferences were finished. The goal was 100% participation. She was not sure if that goal had been achieved. Report cards went out.

President's Report:

Technology Credit – The newest model of Elmo's will be ordered in December (that is when the new model is available).

Outreach – Derek reported that D'Lisa Crain spoke to the board and offered insight and suggestions on ways to reach out to the Hispanic parents of Beck students. That is a goal of the board for this year.

Treasurer's Report:

See printed report. \$45,046.05 currently in the account. That includes the \$30,000 refund for active boards purchased in August.

The ESL refund has been received.

Scarecrow did not make as much money as budgeted – approximately \$300 less.

Jenni will put out a “Technology Wish List” to the staff. The board wants input as to how best to use the technology credit money (approximately \$44,000).

Committee Reports

Spell-a-Thon – Derek Vogel:

Derek reported on behalf of Karen Bradley and Shannon Lotito. The packets have gone out to the students. The committee is recruiting graders and money counters at this time.

PFA Website – Julie Callahan:

Julie reported that she will be reaching out to Mike Morris to get started on the website. She will also contact all PFA members who indicated an interest in technology when they completed their membership form. Members present were very positive about the benefits of a website.

Old Business

Derek reported that the ESL reimbursement has been received from the district.

New Business

Go Green Club – The board approved an amendment to the budget for funding of the Go Green Club for \$1,300. Since there are not enough members present for a quorum, the vote will be postponed until the December meeting.

Reno Bighorns – Lanny is working on selling tickets for the January 15, 2012 game. Jenni has announced it on the Connect Ed Sunday evening calls. The money raised will go towards the P.E. program, or something else for the kids if there is no P.E. teacher in place.

Laurie Lough raised the question that even though she can't attend the game, she would still like to contribute with the designation that the funds be used for P.E. Paula indicated that she could earmark any specific contribution as requested by the donor.

P.E. Program – Jenni is working on finding a replacement P.E. teacher. Options are parent volunteers or a substitute teacher. A certified substitute is better than parent volunteers because it frees up teacher time for 20 minutes. With parent volunteers, the teacher has to be with the parent and students. Jenni hopes to have more to report next month. Her goal is to have a full time P.E. staff member next year. Since PFA won't

have to fund any technology needs for the school, perhaps more PFA money could be used for the P.E. position.

Walking School Bus – Laurie Lough reported on her meeting with the school district police officer who oversees the program and assists with the set up. The officer invited Laurie to attend the next meeting of the group. Laurie will attend and report back. The plan is to start at the end of March.

Announcements

Silent Auction committee will meet next Thursday, November 17 at 5:30 in the faculty lounge.

El Adobe Night is December 5.

Robin will hold the next Art to Grow session next week – clay.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. 1st Paula. 2nd Jenni.

Minutes submitted by Julie Callahan in Andrea Baccigaluppi's absence.