

Jessie Beck PFA General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2012, 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room

1) Call to Order

President Derek Vogel began the meeting at 6:34 PM.

2) Introductions

PFA boardmembers, staff, and parents introduced themselves.

a) Attendance

Board Members in Attendance:

Derek Vogel (President), Julie Callahan (Treasurer), Alissa Turner (Assistant Treasurer), Marilyn Harper (Teacher Representative), Marilyn Hoffman (Teacher Representative), Kathleen Moore (Teacher Representative), Diana York (Teacher Representative), Jenni Anderson (Principal)

General Members in Attendance:

Lanny Hershenow, Shelley Thomas, Rebecca Bailey-Torres, Dan Meier, Krista Meier, Jill Hitchcock, Jill Rogers, Jonna AuCoin, Amy Reynolds, Tim Ticknor, Caryn Swobe, Mischelle Leach, Marlean Bowling, Erika Bowling, Guylene Dwinell

b) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve moved by Julie Callahan and seconded by Caryn Swobe.

3) PE Teacher - Presentation

Molly McHugh has been hired to be the PE teacher for Jessie Beck for the 2012-13 school year. She graduated from UNR in December 2011 with an education degree, and has been working in the before and after school program at Saint Albert's Elementary School for the last five years.

Ms. McHugh will be at school for four days a week, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Each class will participate in a 30 minute PE class each week. Specifically, the plan for the 3rd through 6th graders is to focus on three 'main units': volley ball, basketball and softball. And, ultimately, intramurals are planned to occur during afternoon recess.

Overall, Ms. McHugh's goal is to instill a healthy lifestyle philosophy for all children.

4) Reports

a) Principal's Report:

- i) Principal Jenni Anderson voiced thanks to the teachers for pulling their classrooms together so quickly once revitalization was complete, just the week prior to the first day of school.

- ii) For two days over the summer Jessie Beck teachers attended “Skillful Teacher Training. A result of this training will be the implementation of “multi-tiered systems of support.”
- iii) Intervention (Remediation) and Enrichment will begin again for each of the grade levels in October.
- b) President’s Report:
 - i) Derek Vogel relayed to meeting attendees that several Board meetings occurred over the summer to work on establishing the PFA budget for the 2012-13 school year.
 - ii) Derek said that he will continue to emphasize throughout the year the benefit to Jessie Beck of parents, grandparents, friends of the school utilizing Raley’s Q-Cards and SavMart cards every time they shop. It’s equates to free money for Jessie Beck!
- c) Treasurer’s Report:
 - i) Julie Callahan informed meeting attendees that the current PFA account balance is \$30,848.58.

5) **Committee Reports**

- a) Scarecrow Contest:

This year will be the 31st annual event. It will occur on Friday, October 5th from 3 – 6 PM. Lanny Hershenow indicated that she’s again looking for as many volunteers as possible to bake and decorate the pumpkin cookies that are sold at the Scarecrow Contest/Festival.

6) **Old Business**

- a) Parent Survey Results:

Derek briefly discussed the PFA parent survey forms that were handed out to all parents who attended the Jessie Beck open house on Wednesday, September 25th. The top four survey items that were ranked as most important to the parents in attendance are (in order of importance):

 1. PE Teacher
 2. More Science
 3. More Technology
 4. More Computer Aide
- b) Laptop & Computer Carts – Status:
 - i) The laptop carts have been received at the school. Ninety (90) laptops, HP Minis, have been ordered but haven’t yet arrived. Jenni Anderson didn’t yet know when they could be expected.

- ii) Ms. Anderson reminded the PFA of the prime reason for purchasing the new laptops: MAP testing, writing testing and CRT testing renders the school's computer lab unavailable to students/classes for many weeks throughout the year for uses other than testing. The new laptops will allow the students to utilize computers for non-testing learning throughout the year.
- iii) Ms. Anderson also addressed the possible additional need for iPads, specifically to run Tango education software, which is currently used in the kindergarten classes.
- iv) Maintenance of technological items:
 - (a) An idea discussed among the PFA Board is to possibly implement a "technology fee" for each student, much like the supply fees that are requested from students at the beginning of the school year.
 - (b) The Washoe County School District will provide a certain amount of servicing and repairs for new technological equipment; however, it will not support needs such as replacement bulbs for Elmos, etc.
- c) Public/Government Relations - Caryn Swobe:
 - i) Caryn Swobe continues to urge parents to sign up and get involved in Parent Leaders for Education; a program initially started at Roy Gomm Elementary School. Ms. Swobe emphasized that it's especially important to become involved this year, as it's a legislative year. Additional information can be found at www.educationpriority1.org.
 - ii) Ms. Swobe also discussed related Stand Up for Education events, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012, 6:30 PM at Reno High School.

7) New Business

- a) Budget Review and Vote:
 - i) Review and Approval of 2012-13 PFA Budget; reference attached handout. Brief explanations were provided regarding budget items for which the amounts were increased over last year.
 - ii) One new budget item consists of revenue projected to be generated from the sale of ~300 baseball game tickets for spring 2013, donated by the Aces. One thought Ms. Anderson has regarding this item is to schedule and sell tickets for 1-2 Jessie Beck-Aces game nights in the spring.

- iii) A brief explanation of what the Art Coordinator does was provided, for the benefit of parents new to Jessie Beck, and to justify the \$300 increase to her salary for this school year.
 - iv) Regarding the Innesbrook fundraiser, one member asked what it benefits (i.e. where does the money go?). Ms. Anderson explained that it goes directly to the school to pay for miscellaneous expenses, such as new cafeteria tables, outdoor picnic tables, teacher laptops, etc.
 - v) One member asked if any new school events have been planned for this year. Ms. Anderson responded that no, there haven't. However, she does have ideas in the works to possibly plan parent-student learning/academic nights. She further explained that this idea is included in her School Improvement Plan, on which she is currently working.
 - vi) Lanny Hershenow made the initial motion to approve the budget. All members in attendance unanimously agreed.
- b) General Meeting – Change Day to Tuesday?
It was decided to not change the meeting day at this time, but this may be re-visited at next month's meeting.

8) Announcements

- a) GastroPub Night:
On the school calendar to occur the third Monday evening of every month. The first one will be on Monday, September 17, 2012.
- b) Skate Night:
On the school calendar to occur the fourth Tuesday evening of every month, with the exception of December 2012 and February 2013. The first one will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2012.
- c) El Adobe Night:
On the school calendar to occur the first Monday of every month. The next one will be on Monday, October 1, 2012.
- d) PFA Web Site:
The new website is now up and running. All parents are urged to check it out, and re-visit regularly. The address is www.jessiebeckpfa.com.

9) Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.