

Jessie Beck Elementary School
Parent Faculty Association – General Meeting
6:30 p.m. March 8, 2012
Multi-Purpose Room

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Faith Osgard at 6:32

Attendance

Board Members: Faith Osgard, Jenni Anderson, Scott Nebesky, Paula Murphy, Andrea Baccigaluppi, Julie Callahan, Marilyn Harper, Kathleen Moore, Lanny Hershenow

General Members: Shannon Lotito, Amy Willoughby, Bill Ginn, Jennifer Stoner, Laurie Lough, Mischelle Leach, Lanny Hershenow, Jenny Kanekoa, Alicia Sendon, Kathryn Milliken, Lisa Romero-Cambero, Jill Rogers, Lori Ashley, Alissa Turner, Patrick Turner, Trina Olsen, Marilyn Hoffman, , Heather Thaxton, Susan Temkin, Fong Menante, Sarah Leniz, JP Menante, Trina Olsen

Revitalization Update – Joe Gabica

In 2002 voters passed a rollover bond that allows WCSD to sell bonds without having to go back to the voters provided that the tax rate doesn't change. Can't sell any new bonds after 2012 because tax rates have dropped. Maybe in 2016 or 2018 the district will attempt to pass another rollover bond. Mr. Gabica explained that there are several strands. There was a housing strand that built 3 schools. The capital renewal strand covers deferred maintenance to maintain the status quo. The revitalization strand focuses on improving teaching and learning. Core committees were formed at each school level to direct school revitalization and address the questions, "How do we improve teaching and learning?" The committees tried to find the best management practices for school design. Extreme temperatures (too cold or too hot) were common problems as were old bathrooms. Worked on these as well as sound issues and tackable surfaces. The committees also focused on safety and security issues. Perimeters will be secured and there will be a single point of entry once school starts. Also looked at IT infrastructure updates. Every room will get a minimum of ten drops, an electronic white board, and an upgraded server

Capital Renewal vs. Revitalization. The district has done a lot of capital renewal since 2002. FICIS database drives ratings of which schools need maintenance the most. Schools are inspected on an 18 month cycle. A lot of what has been done already at Jessie Beck comes from the capital renewal strand of the bond. If it isn't a high priority per FICIS then an item doesn't get revitalized. E.G. if carpeting was replaced per FICIS a few years ago it won't be replaced again at revitalization. Not all mechanical systems are replaced. The priority is on classroom revitalization. Office may get some work because of the creation of a single point of entry. Some things get replaced no matter what FICIS shows. All MPR floors get replaced.

Staff must move out and stay out for the whole summer. Asbestos abatement is the first project. This followed by fit and finish in the classrooms, infrastructure upgrades.,

safe and secure perimeter, and front porch. The main focus is on the classrooms. CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) process is used. The general contractor (United Construction Company) is on board throughout the entire process.

Diana York asked about rain gutters. These will not be installed at this time. The cost ranges from \$35K to \$150K.

Approval of the Minutes

First Mischelle, Second Jenni

Reports:

Principal's Report

Jenni explained that she is very inundated with revitalization. The teachers are working very hard. There has been a great deal of change and teachers have responded positively. Teachers are taking on common core standards. Marilyn Hoffman is taking extra classes.

Tutoring is gearing up. Looking towards AYP and CRTs. Grant funded tutoring is occurring with a selected group of students. Jenni explained AYP and CRTs. District is looking at moving towards a growth model. Testing will take place during the last week of April and beginning of May. CRTs start in 3rd grade. Scott asked why we don't offer tutoring all year. Jenni explained that she doesn't have the funds to do so. Jenni would love to offer all year. Currently spending about \$9,000 on tutoring. Tutoring requires funding for teachers and buses.

President's Report

This week Faith met with other PFA members to look at clamshell laptops. All the teachers thought they would meet our needs at half the price. Might be able to get 3 carts of 30 laptops with the clamshells. These come loaded with software. The school will be wireless next year. Looking at getting these over the summer. Total cost will be just under \$40K.

Treasurer's Report

Paula reported that we have \$47K in the account

Committee Reports

Dessert Night - March 13 – Mischelle Leach/Lanny

This will be a fun social night with ice cream and cookies, a share the wealth raffle, bingo and a cake walk. The coordinators are asking parents to contribute cookies and cakes. During the event the library will be open for the Grass Roots Book Fair. Monies from the book fair will go towards new bookshelves for library. Lori Ashley suggested creating a teacher wish list for the Book Fair

Walking School Bus – March 26 – Laurie Lough

Starts on Monday, March 26. Volunteers are especially needed in the south. The volunteers will have vests. Kids will get mileage club credit. Everyone is invited.

Encourage parents to drop their kids at walking bus stops. All parents have filled out official volunteer forms. The volunteer forms require a two week turnaround. It will only operate before school at first. It's okay to recruit outsiders as volunteers as well.

Silent Auction – May 18 – Derek Vogel (absent)
Planning still underway. Invitations coming out soon.

Science Fair – Bonnie Serpa/Mischelle leach
Went very well. Great feedback. Sierra Nevada Journeys project was excellent.
Would like to expand SNJ projects next year.

Old Business

Xerox Copy Machine – Scott Nebesky
Scott explained the donation we received of a Xerox Copy Machine. We can't use it because WCSD doesn't support Xerox. The machine is practically brand new. Scott placed the machine on craigslist, but hasn't had any big bites. Local Xerox representative will buy it for \$2500 if we can't sell it anywhere else.
Motion to sell the machine to Xerox representative carried unanimously.

Storage Unit – Andrea
NW Self Storage is offering 10 X 10 storage units for a discounted rate of \$30/month.

New Business

Nominating Session
We are looking for nominations for next year's board.
Andrea and Scott will chair the nominating committee. We need to have the ballots ready by March 26th. Vote will take place on April 19th. You must be a member to run.

Announcements

Safe Routes to School (students) – March 9
Officer Cloud will be here tomorrow to talk to the kids about safe biking and walking.

Skate Night – March 20

El Adobe Night – April 2

Playground Upkeep
Faith and Jenni will meet with the city next week regarding joint use agreement. Now is the time to work on the lawn.

Trina Olsen – Moving Madness
Teachers will need to be moved out by June 8. Need to get parents together to help move teachers. Also looking at doing a garage sale on June 2, 2012.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Faith at 7:52p.m