

Jessie Beck Elementary School
Parent Faculty Association – General Meeting
6:30 p.m. February 2, 2012
Multi-Purpose Room

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Faith Osgard at 6:38

Walking School Bus Presentation – Officer MJ Cloud

Officer Cloud works in the Safe Routes to School Department. The Walking School Bus is a great way to solve multiple problems (decreases traffic congestion around the school, increases kids' exercise, decreases emissions, etc.) The program can be formal or informal. With less formal programs parents wearing vests walk with kids to school. If more formal, the parents must commit to certain stops at certain times. The school decides how they want the program to look. The vests are important because they encourage parents and adults to behave. Officer Cloud has a few vests left. They are \$13.00 each to purchase. Parents need to be pretty formal up front, but the kids don't need to commit formally at first. Nationally, a mile or less is considered an acceptable distance for kids to walk, but realistically nobody walks very far anymore. Officer Cloud suggests we look into involving older people in the neighborhood as leaders. The PFA president must not be the lead of the program. Successful programs have enveloped with a safety patrol. It's important to teach parents what to look for and what to report. Marilyn Harper suggested giving points to participating kids for their Mileage Club cards. Officer Cloud will recognize school for Mileage Club on Nevada Moves Day. There is a Safe Routes to School website that can be viewed

Approval of the Minutes

1st Paula Murphy, 2nd Cathy Lowden

Attendance:

Jenni Anderson, Faith Osgard, Derek Vogel, Paula Murphy, Andrea Baccigaluppi, Lanny Hershenow, Kathleen Moore, Diana York, Paula Murphy, Marilyn Harper, Caryn Swobe, Scott Nebesky, Julie Callahan, Bonnie Serpa, Cathy Lowden, Lori Ashley, Alissa Turner, Officer MJ Cloud

Reports:

Principal's Report

P.E. Teacher will start on 2/13 and will be here two days per week to do Crossfit with the kids

Soccer Team is starting up with volunteer parent coaches.

Jenni attended Superintendent Morrison's State of Education address with several parents. A recording of the address is on the district website

Things are moving forward with Revitalization. The plans are on Jenni's wall for viewing by anyone interested.

President's Report

Faith reported we have received \$684.00 from Raley's Q Cards. I give is at about \$140

We have had many donors to the Go Green Denim Drive including the following:
Hamilton Solar, Whole Foods, DRI's Green Power Program, ITS Logistics, Reno Green

Reno Bighorns was a success

We have received \$786.00 from El Adobe this year.

Faith had coffee with Greg Brower from PLEA. Clark County would like to see funding re-formulated to benefit Vegas more.

Treasurer's Report

Paula noted that she will be filing the tax return late.

Committee Reports

PFA Website – Julie

Status is pretty much the same. Julie hasn't been able to reach Mike.

Faith suggested that bylaws be changed so that there is an officer in charge of the PFA Website. Faith asked if we should have Mike come to a meeting to train everyone.

Derek is going to look into things.

Science Fair – February 23rd – Bonnie Serpa

Fair will be from 6 – 8p.m. Sierra Nevada Journeys will be coming to build towers with the kids and hold a contest assessing the towers' ability to withstand an earthquake. There have been twice as many orders for boards this year so it looks like there will be good participation. There will be a Student Choice Award in all categories this year for the first time. Need an engineer to help with judging. Derek suggested Darrin Georgeson, a PFA member who is an engineer.

Silent Auction – May 18th

Derek explained the gourmet pizza theme and encouraged people to spread the word and get involved.

Garage Sale – June 2nd

Working on logistics with Jenni and the school district. Desperately need volunteers. Those able to help should contact Lanny.

Old Business

ActivExpressions2

These have been ordered.

Xerox Copy Machine

Tom Bradley's law firm donated a nearly new Xerox machine to the PFA. Scott Nebesky is looking into selling the unit. The machine has barely been used so it's virtually brand new. Sierra Office Solutions has offered to buy it for \$2500, but it may be worth more. Scott needs to get more information to determine what to sell it for. Might be able to sell the Xerox machine and use the proceeds to purchase another Konica/Minolta for the school.

New Business

B & N My Favorite Teacher Contest

Participation in this contest is being sponsored by the PFA because teachers don't want to sell themselves. The kids write about their favorite teacher and the PFA sends the entries to B & N who judges them for prizes.

Nominating Committee

We need four parents and a faculty representative for the nominating committee. We are also looking for a chair, but Andrea Baccigaluppi agreed to chair if nobody else steps up.

Announcements

El Adobe Night – February 6

Skate Night – February 12

Science Fair Night – February 23rd

Still need judges and also need volunteers for the dinner that is provided for the judges.

Box Tops

Condon and Haygood's class just won with most collected. Christy Stark chairs this.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 by Faith