

ABC BOARD MEETING
Minutes for September , 2006

President Carmen Bryant at Hina Parikh's house called the meeting to order at 6:10, and read thought about foundation and distributed note pads for "positive notes to self".

Attendance: Christopher Beck, Mary Amery, Kiera Mann, David Berg, Nancy Velazquez, Janelle Burger, Marcia Holland, Christine Holland, Cindy Soulier, Carmen Bryant, Hina Parikh.

August meeting notes approved with one change, correct the spelling of Jodi's name.

Financial Report:

1. Need one more person to complete the audit.
2. New bank info: credit card machine is through an outside vendor; need to finish the audit prior to closing B of A account; and wait to open new account until B of A is closed.

Vice President Report: Proposed calendar dates for ABC activities.

Fun Day October 7th or 8th at Bradley Lake Park, Puyallup Rec gives us shelters for free.

Speaker night with Brian Fox - QUEST Quad, refreshments from parents, offer Brian two options, Nov 14th or 16th at 7 pm.

Gingerbread house night Dec 6th from 6:30 to 8 at Zeiger.

Pool party Jan 20th or 27th at Rogers or Puyallup pool.

Creative Kids' Night combined with **Dessert auction** March 22nd at Maplewood gym.

Auction on May 11th or 18th at PHS; food - TBD, possibly could use paddle # for food line (ie #s 1-50 in line now). Auction coordinator to arrange for use of PHS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Camera - already purchased

Student Services:

Request for 12 sets Lego mind set full Robotics curriculum. Total cost \$3395, Mr. Beck has checked with District for assessment and money. Would like to get a team for Lego League competition in Feb (registration \$150). Will revisit request when district approves curriculum and allocates any applicable funds.

Coordinator:

1. \$500 for used literature books approved. Nancy will order from technology.
2. \$3000 for M3 math books suggested. However, it was agreed to buy 2 sets of 1 unit totaling \$1000.
3. Nancy suggested that we apply for Fred Meyer grant (\$1000) towards robotic unit. Chris Beck will apply.
4. Perhaps also designate some fundraising money to Robotics unit - maybe the "Read-a-thon".

QUEST - Quality Experiences to Stimulate Thinking

School Board: Christine will go to the school board meetings once or twice a month to establish a presence in order to make a showing in February - Gifted Education month

Website: David suggest that we add a "how we made it work" section to the website showing all of the things that ABC has provided. Requested that ABC purchase Adobe Macromedia Studio - Educational License for \$299, which is the program used to build the website. The purchase was approved.

Membership: Lisa and Mary will go to Back to School Night - Thurs, Sept. 28 from 6:30 - 8

Legislative Chair: Marcia is our new legislative chair. Will provide us via email with information regarding legislative events in Olympia such as Gifted Education Day. Washington is one of the more progressive states regarding gifted children. However, the education of "gifted" children needs to be more strongly addressed by the legislature. Suggested training and soliciting a PTA member to join the PTA state legislative assembly to put together a compelling message for Olympia.

Public Relations: Need to find a public relations chair.

Teacher's Rep:

1. Suggestion that field trip funds be raised to help with rising gas prices and wages - needs to be revisited.
2. Fourth and fifth grade field trip budget needs to be increased.

Meeting adjourned