

**ABC Board Meeting
January 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Carmen Bryant at 6:03PM. The meeting occurred at the Quest Quad.

Attendance

Carmen Bryant, Christine Holland, Tammy Inselman, Neil Johnston, Kiera Mann, Nancy Velazquez, Kathleen, Kathleen Dulsan, David Berg, Marsha Holland, Chris Beck, Hina Parikh, and Cynthia Soulier

Handouts

Agenda

Thank you note from Marsha Samuelson for the opportunity to attend WAETAG

Parents as Partners

Gifted Education Day in Washington

School Board

Christine Holland was present but had not new information to present.

Vice President's Report

Gingerbread Night was canceled due to inclement weather. The supplies will be dispersed to the classrooms. Flyers will be circulated for the annual swim party at Rogers High School.

Legislative

Marcia Holland was present. Marcia will make appointments for parents to speak with legislators. She needs parents to volunteer to speak with the legislators. Marcia has volunteered to educate parents on presentations and talking points for Gifted Education Day in Washington. Christine, Cindy and Dovey have volunteered to go to the capital to present to the legislators.

All four self-contained gifted classrooms will be going to the Capital on February 9, 2007. The children will have a tour of the Capital and also a tour of the museum.

David Berg has agreed to make the flyer for Gifted Day in Washington friendlier and he will place the information on the Quest website.

Marcia reminded the Board of the Parents as Partners Presentation at the University of Washington on February 3, 2007. David Berg will also place this information on the Quest website.

The minutes were approved with two corrections from December 12, 2006.

Treasurer's Report by Hina Parikh

Jodie Franks needs to turn in money for the planners. Neil Johnston will follow up on obtaining the funds.

The Read-a-thon brought in \$6,243.86 and there is still money coming in.

Table-changing the bank.

A thank you note was received from Marsha Samuelson for allowing her to go to WAETAG.

Auction

The first meeting is on January 18, 2007 6pm at Starbucks.

Chris Beck's goals for the first meeting are;

1. To get everyone excited about the event.
2. Committee leads should come to the meeting with an idea of what tasks they will need help with.
3. Everyone who comes to the meeting should leave with something to do.

The database from last year needs to be corrected as some of the addresses and contact information was incorrect. Lisa Robinson has the current database and Chris Beck will send her the updated information.

David Berg and Chris Beck will work on getting the word out about the auction.

We need a theme for this year's auction.

A storage unit will be rented and/or donated for March, April and May to hold the Auction items.

We need to have a dynamic auctioneer. A good auctioneer will bring more money. There was an idea of "funding a need" to occur during the auction. We also need to locate a volunteer who would be willing to keep an excel sheet of the items donated for the auction.

Coordinator's Report by Nancy Velazquez

The Quest Quad was broken into over the Holiday Break. Three computers were stolen and a copier and printer were ruined. There is a \$10,000 deductible so the items were not covered by insurance. The idea of requesting funds through "funding a need" at the auction to replace the stolen and ruined items was suggested.

The Junior High Highly Capable Program is moving along. Testing is set to occur on February 3, 2007 at Kalles Junior High. There is also a meeting on January 11, 2007 for interested families.

First grade testing is currently being held for the Quest Program. There is already 142 applications.

There is an Open House on January 30, 2007 for the fourth and fifth graders. February 16, 2007 is the last day for sixth grade pull-out. **ABC will authorize money to purchase cookies from Costco for the event.**

Creative Kids Night and the Dessert Auction is in March in the Maplewood Gym.

Old Business

Table insurance discussion and the possibility of developing a sub committee to look at the pros and cons of becoming a PTA.

Meeker Representative

Neil Johnston came in Lisa Johnston's place tonight. He will follow up with the monies owed from the planners.

Newsletter

A newsletter has not been produced in quite sometime. Carmen Bryant has not heard from Elaine who was the lead on the newsletter. Kiera Mann volunteered to write the newsletter for January. Kiera will contact the list of volunteers she had for the Gingerbread House Night to see if anyone is interested in doing the newsletter. News from the Read-a-thon and PTA Reflections will go in the January issue. David Berg will also place this information on the Quest website.

Public Relations

No Chair

Pull Out Representative

Kathleen Nelson was present. She is organizing the pizza party for the pull out 6th graders. She will purchase the cookies for the 4th and 5th grade pull out students for January 30, 2007. She will write a report for the newsletter and the website regarding the PTA reflections winners from the Quest Program.

Secondary Schools

Puyallup, Walker, Emerald Ridge and Rogers High School each have a \$250 scholarship. This information needs to be circulated.

Student Services

Mary has done snacks two months in a row and should be reimbursed.

Website

David Berg reported that the website is easily located through Yahoo and Google is also starting to yield results in the searches. If you search Quest ABC Puyallup you should be able to locate the site. The domain has been paid for an additional two years.

Amazon.com fundraiser is still being looked into. It would work by having a link to Amazon on the Quest website and if any merchandise is purchased through this link then Quest would receive some of the proceeds from the sale.

Teacher Representative

No report

Zeiger Representative

Not present.