

ABC Board Meeting
February 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Carmen Bryant at 6:03pm. Carmen asked the board member to write down goals they wanted to achieve; individual or as a group for ABC.

Attendance

Carmen Bryant, Janelle Burger, Marcia Holland, Hina Parikh, Cindy Soulier, Mary Amery, Kathleen Nelson, Kiera Mann, Tammy Inselman, Nancy Valezquez and Christine Holland

Handouts

Agenda, Puget Sound Legislators Contact Information, Washington Coalition for Gifted Education Talking Points, and the ABC Financial Report

Minutes were approved from previous ABC Meeting.

Legislative

The report was given by Marcia Holland. She reported that 150 parents attended the University of Washington Parents as Partners presentation.

Gifted Education Day at the State Capital had good representation from all around the State. **Christine Holland** was able to meet with all the representatives from the 25th District. We brainstormed about what we could do better next year to ensure a larger more powerful turnout. Some ideas were:

1. Give earlier notification to parents and community partners about Gifted Education Day at the Capital.
2. Our website could have easy access and/or instructions on how to contact legislators.
3. Chaperones were not able to meet with legislators and many chaperones thought they would have that opportunity. There needs to be clear guidelines for chaperones and parent representatives so that both tasks can get accomplished; help with the children and lobbying.
4. We can encourage parents and community partners to email legislators.
5. We can support the OSPI budget or gifted program budget. Currently only two teachers are funded and we have eight teachers.
6. Several Board Members will check in with teachers to see how the field trip went this year and if they feel that it would be valuable to go again next year. If a determination is made that it would be valuable to go again next year then better planning will be able to take place.

Treasurer Report

Hina Parikh was present to report on the budget. The planner money was received and deposited from the teacher who was still owing. **Janelle Burger**, the teacher

representative, will remind teachers that they need to turn in receipts by the end of May 2007 in order to be reimbursed.

Carmen Bryant and **Hina Parikh** will be going to Bank of America this week to change banks to Columbia Bank. In order for this change to occur a non profit proof form (Article of Incorporation as a Non Profit) is needed.

Form 990 was not filed for tax purposes in 2005. We were under \$25,000 in profit so this form was not needed. In the future if we go over \$25,000 this form will need to be filed.

The Treasurer Report was reviewed and accepted.

Vice President Report

Kiera Mann was present. The Pool Party in January was a success. Kiera was disappointed as she did not reserve the therapy pool. Next year when reservations are made the therapy pool will need to be reserved.

Creative Kids Night and the Dessert Auction is on March 15, 2007. A request for someone to make a flyer for the event was requested. The credit card machine should be available for this event. \$100 was requested for petty cash for this event.

Auction

Chris Beck was not present. The next Auction Meeting is this Thursday at 6:30pm at Zeiger Elementary in room 6. Donations are already starting to come in.

School Board

Christine Holland was present. Christine has contacted Northwest Gifted about affiliation but they are unable to provide group rate insurance at this time.

The Robinson Center at the University of Washington is a great resource for our children.

Coordinator's Report

Nancy Valezquez was present. The computers that were stolen last month were dropped off at Brouillet Elementary. The police have the computers now but they should be returned soon. The printer and copier are fixed now. The monitor is still missing.

Parents have received notification of acceptance into the PAGE Program. 57 children showed for testing and 49 are currently enrolled in the program for next year. Two classes were approved to accommodate the amount of students who could qualify for the program.

Nancy has asked the Board to consider how they would like to be involved in the Page Program. Do we want to give the teacher's a budget? How do we get parent involvement?

Nancy reported that the Bond did not pass.

Meeker Representative

Lisa Johnston was not present.

Membership

Lisa Robinson was not present.

Newsletter

Elain Choates was not present. The article for the newsletter is due today. **David Berg, Nancy Valezquez, and Elaine Choates** will review the articles. A discussion about changing the due date to the Friday after the Board Meeting was suggested but it was decided to keep the due date for the articles on the night of the Board Meeting.

Public Relations

Position is not filled.

Pull Out Representative

Kathleen Nelson was present for the meeting. Planning for the 6th grade Pull Out Program is underway. Mary, Kathleen and Julie are working to prepare the pizza party. Orders for the pizza need to be made to Costco a week in advance. Janelle will assist with giving the orders to Kathleen. Each child is able to choose ¼ of a pizza. Mary Amery will order two cakes for the event as well. There is an Open House at the end of the party. This event is set to occur on February 23, 2007.

Secondary Schools

Cindy Soulier was present. She was recently given contact information for each school to notify them about the available scholarships.

Student Services

Mary Amery was present. Mary has completed all the orders so far for the t-shirts and sweatshirts. She would like to set up for March 6, 2007 for the 1st graders Quest Night.

Water has been provided to the teachers.

The camera is being used.

Website

David Berg was not present.

Zeiger Representative

Kim Cornely was not present.

The next meeting is on 3/13/07 at 6pm at the Quest Quad. Hina, Kathleen and Cindy will not be able to attend the next meeting. Adjourned at 7:52pm.