

ABC Board Meeting
March 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Carmen Bryant at 6:03pm.

Attendance

Carmen Bryant, David berg, Nancy Valezquez, Kiera Mann, Hina Parikh, Tammy Inselman, Marcia Holland, Christine Holland, and Chris Beck.

Handouts

Agenda, financial statement, auction itemized list, and three coalition generated articles titled, "What is the Coalition?" "Saying yes to Excellence" and "Characteristics of Effective Schools."

The minutes were approved from February 13, 2007 meeting with one correction of adding Nancy Valezquez to the attendance.

Legislative

Marcia Holland was present for the initial part of the meeting but had to leave at 6:17pm. The current budget for gifted students increased to 2.5% which allows for \$380 per student. This has gone to an Appropriation Committee and Marcia will email the Board who is on this committee. She was not sure if anyone from our district is on the committee.

Marcia encouraged this Board to send a message to the Appropriation Committee supporting gifted education. It will be important to include statistics on what the district is already doing to serve gifted children and how many more children could be served with more funding. Currently the Quest Program is serving 417 children and this will increase next year. **Carmen Bryant** agreed to draft the letter.

Treasurer Report

Hina Parikh presented the report and it was accepted. We are behind in membership. The bank transfer was successful with Columbia Bank. They have been very attentive. A bank statement will go to the **Quest Quad and Carmen Bryant**. The Bank of America account cannot be closed until March 27th, 2007 as all checks need to clear this account prior to closing.

The Board has a credit card machine from Columbia Bank. They will loan an additional three for the auction and will provide training for four people.

Christine Holland has agreed to collect the monies for the Mount St. Helens trip for the 3rd and 4th graders. Once all the money is collected she will give it to **Hina Parikh**.

Vice President Report

Kiera Mann was present. \$100 was requested for petty cash at the Dessert Auction and Creative Kids Night. **David Berg** asked that pictures be taken at this event to post on the

website. **Kiera Mann** asked for assistance with this event and **Tammy Inselman** agreed to help with the event.

Auction

Approximately 60 donations have been received so far and more are needed. We are still waiting on responses from the self contained classrooms on what they would like to do for a class basket. An idea was suggested that a small portion of auction money be used as an incentive for classrooms to participate in the auction.

The theme is going to be Baseball. The food will be provided for a fee by Longhorn. Hot dogs, chili dogs, ceasar salad, and macaroni salad are on the menu. An idea for a dessert auction was suggested to generate more funds.

The Board agreed to donate a basket for the Auction.

The storage unit with Best Self Storage will begin on March 19, 2007. The first month is free and additional months will be \$49.00. There is a \$15.00 admin fee and they will provide three keys.

Meeker Representative

Lisa Johnston was not present.

Membership

Lisa Robinson has to move immediately and will no longer be able to fill this position. A request to fill this position will be placed in the Newsletter. Lisa was not present for this meeting.

Newsletter

Elaine Choates is stepping down from this position. **Nancy Valezquez** has agreed to do the Newsletter. Articles should be sent to **Nancy Valezquez and David Berg**.

Public Relations

Position not filled.

Pull Out Representative

Kathleen Nelson was not present for this meeting.

School Board

Christine Holland was present but did not have an update.

Secondary Schools

Cindy Soulier was not present.

Student Services

Mary Amery was not present.

Teacher Representative

Janelle Burger was not present today due to an illness.

Website

David Berg was present for this meeting. He continues to update the site and encouraged all of us to look at the site. The Newsletter should go on the site.

Zeiger Representative

This position is currently not filled.

New Business

The Election is coming up for Board. **Carmen Bryant** will write an article for the Newsletter listing the positions and duties. Discussions took place about how we are going to have the election. Prior to this year it was done at the Dessert Auction but that has already taken place. An idea to send packets home to be turned in at the Auction was suggested.

A discussion was initiated about doing a fundraiser for the new Page Program for the junior high students. The Board would like to discuss how to include them. The consensus of the group was to look at taking \$600 from the current budget to allow the three Page teachers a \$200 budget to assist them with getting materials for their classrooms.

The Board agreed to donate a gift to Trish Capocy who is leaving her position. The funds will come out of the hospitality fund.