

ABC Minutes February 19, 2008

Present: Christine Holland, Margaret Mason, Julie Chaffer, Nancy Velazquez, Tammy Inselman, David Berg, Deborah Wilson

Meeting called to order 6:24PM by Christine.

Minutes were approved after changing newsletter deadline to Feb. 22 and “Carolyn Thomlinson” name is incorrect; should read Carol Ann Tomlinson. Legislative Report should say NAGC not NGAC.

VP David – GED was good but could have been better if it had not coincided with the democratic rallies in Seattle. Tom Campbell was willing to help draft legislation for professional training for teachers. Next year is the BIG year for GED – budget planning. Plan to attend with kids!

Old Business

SENG: Christine talked to Ann Koch for the SENG parent group idea. Nine week course, once a week meeting. Whenever? She would like a minimum of 15 people. Maybe pitch the idea to the new 1st grade parents? Friday was the suggested day, Wednesday was also an option. If held at Sunrise kids could bring activities (books, homework, DS) or some HS kid needing community hours could chaperone children.

Ice Skate: Is now March 25 – fliers coming.

Online Auction/Fundraiser: Nancy -Auction letters went out to about 45 businesses and donations are already coming in. Looking for \$100 minimum goods or basket together smaller goodies. Anyone who needs a letter please let Nancy know. We should still do the class baskets to draw in families. Question as to will it be exclusively online or a silent dessert auction gathering. Still in the work it out planning stage. Albertsons has a plan to donate a portion each time a preferred card shopper swipes their card. Parents need to designate their card numbers. Nancy has filled out the online paperwork and needs to fax a non-profit letter. Support-your-cause paperwork has also been filled out. Includes many stores (Office Max, Best Buy, etc.) and the percentages vary. Each new sign up gets ABC \$5. She is also looking into grants. We may need an official audit. Fred Meyer gave us \$1000 a couple years back and the follow-up paperwork may not have been taken care of properly so we may not be able to go back to them. Tupperware party was also brought up – Margaret is a consultant.

Budget revision: Budget will have to be cut if more money is not raised. Julie says checking account has \$10,000. Budget meeting is postponed until after the Read-A-Thon. Where can the cuts be made? It looks like about \$7000 is spent but receipts haven’t been presented.

Standing Committees

Newsletter: Tammy: Deadline for newsletter has passed and was extended to February 22. Karin will include skate night, David pres/VP talk, Christine upcoming senate meeting, the upcoming fundraisers and auction, and whatever other articles and pictures come in. Aim for 2 pages, front & back.

Coordinator: Nancy was explaining differences between the IB program and the AP program offered in PSD. HC kids would probably benefit more from the AP program but students interested have the option to go to another school district for the IB program. AP is a college course at the HS level, the teachers have to have training and approval of the syllabus. Some colleges accept the classes for credit. AP is offered at all 3 HS and an effort to increase the number of classes offered. Testing finished today (175 1st graders, a new record!). Selection committee meets this weeks (3rd-5th grade testing this week also). PAGE letters go out Friday. More PAGE testing in May. Placement for PAGE is now based on students strengths. Most of the testers were QUEST students. In May, more testers will be from general ed classes. First day for 1st graders will be Feb 29. Sixth grade has already moved on. Thurs. Feb. 28, 6:30 “back-to-school night” for 1st grade parents. Christine will attend and rotate through the 3 classes with membership forms.

Legislative Christine – please e-mail or snail-mail representative/senator about GED – they do pay attention to that. Thursday 1:30 senate hearing.

Meeker Rep Margaret – quad needs water. Nancy concerned with budget – maybe a filter in the future?

PAGE Christine (Hina absent) Hina attempted to contact Mario Cosello. ABC and Kalles Booster Club needs to meet to clear up misconceptions and open communication.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.