

ABC Minutes April, 2008

Present: Nancy Velazquez, David Berg, Christine Holland, Janell Burger, Karin McNett, Heather Anderson, Cynthia A. Soulier, Deborah Wilson, Julie Shaffer, Tammy Inselman

Meeting called to order at 6:16pm by Christine.

An e-mail was sent to Nancy expressing concern about the direction the board has taken ABC this year. All concerns should be brought up to the board so that such matters can be discussed and any new ideas can be presented.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Old Business:

SENG Parent Group Update: Margaret is commuting to Mt. Lk. Terrace now. She has done a fabulous job on coordinating SENG. There are 15 families signed up. We meet at the quad, thanks to Nancy. We need a strong support group for our parents.

Ice Skate Night - Karin: Good turn out. \$238 dollars back at \$4 per ticket out of the \$300 paid out. About 75 kids attended.

Online Auction Plans: Nancy needs David (and others?) to come up with list of rules for the auction. Sealed bid online by e-mail (David would be the only one to see the bids). Questions about validation of sealed bid – how to do it best and fairly. Maybe board bids need to be in before anyone else. Another option is to have someone on the board who will not be bidding be the only one to see the bids. Or, completely seal the bids until the night of the auction. Dates are May 5 – May 16. Any unpaid items as of the 23rd will then go on the auction block at the May 29th event.

Fundraising/budget revision: Meeting set for May 5 (tentatively). Nancy has passed around other smart fundraising ideas. Many of the options must have some paperwork filled out. All of this info will be available on the website. United Way sent a check for over \$800 (that was just for the 1st quarter) because we're a non-profit – and some businesses will match. Maybe we will try a 'pizza day' sponsored by Papa Johns like Zeiger is having each month. Heather said she was willing to create a fundraising committee for next year. Also a family event rep and a volunteer coordinator. These new positions would replace the Zeiger, Meeker and pullout rep positions.

Newsletter Deadline: May 2

Budget Committee: May 5.

Reports:

VP/Website - David: Suggestions have been made regarding the website regarding posting of student achievements. Content is needed. Please forward information to David. All postings will be school – academic - related only – no sports or musical achievements in the newsletter or on the website. The message board is still a work in progress.

NGAC/Legislative Report: Cindy got a note from Joyce Mac Donald thanking her for coming to GED. The coalition is working on wording for the budget to ensure funds for GED go to GED and don't get lost somewhere else.

Membership: No membership chair. Will work on that for next year.

Newsletter: Requests have been made to include sports and musical achievements of students in the newsletter. Only academic achievements are accepted for print.

Public Relations - Cindy : Reached RHS & ER, there is a new person at PHS she needs to contact about scholarship information. ER student from last year has not collected money yet.

Treasurer – Julie: Handed out March & April budget. Zoo entrance fees were higher for 2nd semester 4th grade pull out due to delay caused by snow – prices were higher the later week. Kids were charged \$2 each which accounts for income. Maybe the 4th grade (budgeted \$300) & 3rd grade (budgeted \$500) got switched when the budget was done. The check for \$824 is in question. A total expense should be closer to \$580. Classroom budgets will most likely be cut for next year. QBC will not pay toward entrance tickets, but will try to pick up bus costs. The budget needs a complete overhaul to reflect expenses based on actual income – not using savings. A motion to move the 3rd grade \$500 to 4th grade budget was made. Another motion was made to move the 6th grade budgeted \$300 to the 2nd grade budget to pay for their field trip. Both motions were approved. Budgets were approved as amended.

Zeiger: No report.

PAGE: No report. Some feedback was that the PAGE kids did not know about ice skate night and would have attended. The announcement was on the website. A lack of communication was noted. Maybe a note can go home with 6th graders asking them for e-mail contacts for those who want to stay in touch with ABC during the PAGE years.

Meeker: No report.

Teacher Rep - Janell: Will prepare teachers about seeing actual numbers in the upcoming budget. Also will include info about auction.

Coordinator - Nancy: A new office manager has been hired for the quad, Carolyn Palmer, who came from downtown (Brian Fox's office). An announcement was received from Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Gilleland. They have accepted positions at Glacier View for next year. The gym at Maplewood has been reserved for May 29 for the dessert auction/elections/general membership meeting. Three meetings open to the public by the PSD to review the upcoming budget. Word is that our QUEST budget will remain the same despite drastic cuts made elsewhere. The PEA is up for renewal this summer – negotiations have begun already. There is still a lot of ABC "junk" at the quad. Paper work and stuff from the ice cream social. Christine will go and check out what's there.

New Business:

May Nomination Committee: David will head up committee. We need motivated parents!

Meeting Changes: We will meet on the 4th Tuesday in May also. May change meeting date to the 1st Tuesday for next year to avoid conflict with PTA meetings and another group meeting at Las Palomas the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Teacher Appreciation Week: In the past we've done lunches for the teachers. Nancy & Janell prefer yummy treats. Applebees was okay but pick-up was a headache last year. The BBQ didn't work at all.

Dessert Auction: Open house that night – class baskets will be auctioned off. Top Foods and Costco may donate something. We may have plenty of cookies. Fliers will be made up by Nancy or Janell. Set up people needed as well as cash box monitor and table monitors. We need to check on the credit card/debit card machine hookup.

Next Meeting:

May 27, 2008, 6:00 at Las Palomas.

Meeting Adjourned:

8:19PM