

QUEST/PAGE ABC MINUTES

February 3, 2009

Meeting called to order 6:20.

Present: Christine Holland, David Berg, Julie Shaffer, Rachel Shaffer, Nancy Velazquez, Deborah Wilson, Amy Prezbindowski

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Julie –Looking over budget: Proposal made to maybe to sit for 2 hours outside a Safeway and sign up cardholders. Reward for bringing in 5 or 10 Safeway or Target cardholders numbers? Rachel has volunteered to help with entering card numbers. Entertainment books will be publicized next year so as to raise the numbers. Read-A-Thon numbers are down but 1st grade attempt is coming up this spring. Membership is \$500 under budget – again we will petition the 1st grade families. Scholarships have all been paid now. Lanita Miller's printer bill has come through. GiftCents will have another go in the spring. We need more smaller items for auction.

Vice President/Website: David – Christine wants to do away with paper. The website is our connection to each other using the forum. Communication with NAGC resulted in a CD about giftedness. Lots of info and some can be sent out as a resource to parents. The forum can be set up so users can filter out topics that aren't relevant to their situation. We still need volunteers for the NWGCA Parent Event in Tukwila (Foster HS) March 6. Entrance fees are \$59 for non-members of NWGCA, \$24 for members, free for volunteers. We own our website domains for 2 more years. \$150 budgeted for website and nothing has been paid yet. Bill should be coming soon. Nancy found events tab on website confusing since the dates were posted for last year's events.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Coordinator: Nancy – Touched base with Janelle about parent night. She congratulated us on a successful School Board meeting turnout as did Brian Fox. We are in the newspaper and parents have commented. People are noticing that this valuable program is going to have repercussions due to the budget cuts. Christine is going to forward some e-mails from the coalition to Amy to drum up new members. The district needs to find \$10 million to cut. Brian Fox is booked all day in meetings trying to figure out how to minimize cuts. Tony Apostle has asked QUEST to be more cost efficient. Cuts need to happen as important as it is to him. About 160 1st graders have tested. Thanks to ABC our educators have attended WAETAG and NAGC conventions for the past 3 years. They will have to draw on some of that information/education they have received during those trips to make decisions. Pull-Out is not as ideal as self-contained but ours is better than many districts being as ours is full day not 1-2 hours a week. Drop-out rate is high in pull-out students. Gen-Ed teachers sometimes sabotage pull-out efforts. Puyallup has compared our system to many others, both in state and out. We have a "gold-standard" and we need to find ways to make it work. One thing we are sure of is next year will not look like this year. First grade open house is Feb. 24th.

Family Events: About 100 at the pool party. Membership made lots of contacts. The ice skating party is Feb. 26th. We are charging \$1.00 per skater. We are doing fliers for this one due to some mix up in dates. Amy is still missing about 1/3 of the e-mails.

Fundraising: Christine & Nancy will coordinate GiftCents. Nancy has received some donations for the auction. May 28 is the Open House and slated date for silent bidding and announcing the

winning online bids. Much talk about asking people to donate their time – baking cookies, babysitting, science fair help, etc. The May Open House will have a carnival theme – we could offer activities, giant slide, food and sno-cones. Teachers will be asked about doing class baskets. They will also be asked about a dunk tank idea.....

Legislative: GE day coming up this Friday. E-mails have gone out. So far 17 families and teachers signed up.

Membership: See earlier notes. Christine will die-cut a missing Q & J for the reader board since it now reads: “oin UEST”

Newsletter: Went out just fine. One pull-out teacher forgot to send home – it will be coming home next pull-out day. We are looking at one more end-of-the-year newsletter unless something earth-shattering happens.

Public Relations/Secondary Schools: No report

School Board: No report.

Teacher's Rep: No report – Project night at the quad.

Volunteer Coordinator: Cheryl had to resign due to personal circumstances.

OLD BUSINESS

- School Board Meeting went well. Many families in attendance.
- NWGCA Parent Event Mar 6th – Need Volunteers! Set up signs etc. Contact Christine.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1st Grade Read-a-thon: E-mail will go out to Pam.
- Nomination Committee: E-mail will go out from Christine asking who wants to do what for next year.
- Communication Plan: NO MORE FLIERS! It costs too much and no one reads them anyway. We have other ways to communicate – e-mail, the forum, teacher websites, etc. There may be a calendar tool on the website – David’s checking.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM>.

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 3rd, 6pm @ Las Palomas