

## **QUEST/PAGE ABC Minutes**

### ***May5, 2009***

Present: Nancy Velazquez, David Berg, Deborah Wilson, Amy Prezbindowski, Kirby Burchett, Julie Shaffer, Rachel Shaffer, Cindy Soulier

Meeting called to order 6:17PM by David.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Haven't got money turned in yet for first grade read-a-thon. Nancy thinks it may exceed \$1,000. United Way check came in for \$1,072. E-script is coming in a little at a time. So far it's totaling \$93. Safeway needs to be renewed every year; if they have your current address they send a note card telling you to renew. David was contacted by a parent who offered a program that anyone who takes a loan out of Wells Fargo will result in a \$300 donation to a non-profit of their choice.

Vice President/Website: David – website traffic is way up. The meeting on April 23 sparked much interest in our organization. We did not go for membership that night – just providing information. One problem of increased website traffic is we all of a sudden became popular in the Ukraine. We are receiving many “offers” for many things we don't want. Newsletter subscriptions are at about 90 so far. Some haven't activated their subscriptions yet. Parent Information Night has the most requests for more info. The Forum has an official announcement about regarding parents talking and exchanging info. Three parents have expressed interest in being a parent info contact. We will reach out to every PTA to let them know who we are and how we can help out. Parents complained that pull-out kids names weren't listed on the website as district finalist in science fair. Parent input is needed as we have no report from pull-out teachers as to science fair participation in the students they serve.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Coordinator: Nancy – Extremely busy – about 300 new applications. Many that have left QUEST have asked to come back Testing underway. Many blue forms have come back with only 15 saying no to continuing on with QUEST. Shaw Road is a concern because not many people have qualified from that area. Testing will be finished by the end of May – letters will go out in June. Finding teachers is a task in process. By the end of next week the district should know more. Every building is asked to take the QUEST teachers from their own staff but no one knows at the current time which teachers will be in their building due to cuts, transfers, etc.

Family Events: Open house & carnival June 4 at 6:00 for the mini-meeting. The hot dog ladies will be there hopefully set up and ready before so people can eat before settling in the gym.

Fundraising: Kirby – The GiftCents is ready to go. The form is a 2-page with local companies. It has been turned in for distribution to students. The car wash idea is not included. David can put it on the website. Nancy suggested buying 200 and selling them at the open house/auction. Read-a-thon notes above in treasurers report.

Legislative: David reports that Marcia wants everyone to keep celebrating the advances we have made in including GE in basic ed. The allotment is 2.314% is the same but the per pupil has gone up so the district will not have to kick in as much money as they have in the past. PAGE transportation is still too high to fund. There was a late night e-mail exchange between David & Dawn Morrell the night they voted on the budget issues. He is relieved to not have to travel to Olympia multiple times a week now.

Membership: Kirby – wants file/info membership roster. We can take memberships through the website now and David has a letter explaining why everyone should join. We will reach out to the cluster groups at each school.

Newsletter: Cancelled but lots of info available on the website.

Public Relations/Secondary Schools: Cindy - Cookies for open house may be provided by Top Foods again. She is not able to pick up the cookies due to work constraints. Kirby offered to pick them up. Scholarships have already contacted her. She cannot present ER and her husband has offered to do so. She can do RHS & PHS. David will post the names on the website as soon as they are released.

School Board: no report – we should make an appearance to say thank you for their support before the break for the summer.

Teacher's Rep: no report

Volunteer Coordinator: no report – we are hearing from people who want to fill this position.

Communications: Amy – life, and e-mails have slowed down, thank goodness! E-mails can go out regarding the auction and encouraging people signing up for the lists. Also an opportunity to host exchange students has come up – after discussion it may be placed on the ‘marketplace’ portion of the forum section on the website.

### **Old BUSINESS**

- Nomination committee is in process.
- Over 200 people at the March meeting. The questions that were asked have been posted on the website. Clustering was not readily understood. Parents wanted more time to ask questions but this would not have worked – it’s better to address those issues on the forum.

### **New BUSINESS**

- Teacher appreciation week: Nancy appreciated all the goodies received so far. All days are covered now. Lunches delivered to teachers Thursday and Friday.
- May carnival open house: June 4; Christine will handle snacks, bouncy house, snow cones (Foulon Family) and bid sheets. Nancy has ordered extra tables. We can go under play shed if weather doesn’t cooperate. Hot dog ladies want the ticket system again.
- Auction – not many donations to date. Lovering has sent out a note asking for donations. Things need to be in by Friday for pictures on the website. If late things come in they will be available at the open house. Class baskets will be at the open house also.

Meeting adjourned 7:41.

**Next Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Las Palomas**