

QUEST/PAGE ABC Minutes

October 6, 2009

Present: David Berg, Deborah Wilson, Amy Prezbindowski, Kirby Burchett, Christine Holland, Nancy Velazquez, Cindy Soulier, Deborah Slevin

Meeting called to order 6:42PM by David.

Secretary's Report: Thank you notes received from J. Kooser for teacher's week gift card. Also received thank you from K. Johnstone for scholarship money. Minutes for September approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: David talked to MoneyMinder people. This year is our responsibility to input things. If Julie can't do it then David will have the time to do the input. The cash reserves need to be reconciled before audit can be started. Eric & Christy need to get together with Julie for date to get books for audit.

Vice President – no report

STANDING COMMITTEES

Coordinator: Nancy – Almost out of quad. Bulldoze date has not been set yet. News that may not be good: the financial representative at OSPI said the outlook is very dim from the state level. We need to be very vocal to the school board & to our legislators. Randy Dorn, Sen. Kastama and others were in attendance at a District finances meeting and it was a very discouraging bit of news. Deborah Slevin expressed concern that she was 'shut-down' when she posed financial questions at the last school board meeting. ABC is working with the WCGE to make sure financial issues affecting gifted are being watched at the state level. Classes are going well. Testing continues to fill the openings that remain. The third week of Sept. saw a few withdrawals – those students moving back to their home schools, but no more shifting than normal. David can add some comments at the open house about the 'settling in time' needed to the new demands of a gifted classroom. Questions & concerns of new parents can be addressed on the message board on the forum. Amy expressed concern that those classrooms with lower enrollment may be endangered but Nancy said she hasn't heard anything about that. WAETAG has five going and the district is sending Brian Fox. Teachers may be going from junior high honors classes.

Family Events: Ice cream social is our first event. Thursday, Oct. 22nd. 6:30-8:00 at Sunrise Elementary. We are going to do paper fliers. David & Amy will put their heads together and come up with design & content. Set up at 5:00 – 11 tables: Membership, Legislative, Teachers, Volunteers & Family Events, Website & Communication, Fundraising, Entertainment Books, Sign-In, ice cream station. Sunrise is okay with parking on field after upper & lower parking is full. Need a Dad with a flashlight to direct traffic. Nancy thinks she has the signs from previous years. Christine & Karen will go to Cash & Carry for the ice cream the day of. The big work loads are set up & clean up. We may send postcard invites to those 2nd graders formally identified as gifted in the cluster classrooms.

Fundraising: David needs contact info for Read-A-Thon chair. We need GiftCents before the holidays. Until we get an online following we need to go back to paper fliers for these 'beginning of the year' events. We need to find out how many teachers have SWIFT sites for our communication purposes. Kristy may handle the GiftCents fundraiser.

Legislative: Christine – October 8th is the Basic Ed Task Force meeting. Goal is to get GEd into the first round of funding.

Membership: Kirby – getting the rewards/competition for membership in line. She needs a way to keep track of class percentages. We'll save any extra ice cream for a possible party for winning class. We can check into the free movie rentals from either Hollywood or Blockbuster and possibly give each student in class a free movie coupon as an incentive. We need a 'click and get something' as an incentive to go to the forum.

Newsletter: Information packet rather than newsletter – invitation to social and ABC info. Goal date is Oct. 14 for distribution.

Public Relations/Secondary Schools: Cindy – no report.

School Board: Deborah Slevin – frustrated with board meetings and getting the brush off regarding financial questions. She really wanted to know if Puyallup would have representation at upcoming budget meetings affecting Puyallup's budget (especially GEd) and was told that the Puyallup School District would not be sending a representative. Washington Coalition for Gifted Education (WCGE) is carefully monitoring financial issues on our behalf.

Teacher Rep: Nancy asked for reimbursement form. The form is finished but David will check to make sure it's posted.

Volunteer Coordinator: Kristy Gibney (not present) is coordinating with Amy about membership.

Communications: Amy – Trying to get some central communicator for each school. Cindy volunteered for Pope and Kirby has Shaw Road. There's a couple of schools that Amy is concerned have no 'seasoned' parent to help new parents acclimate to GEd and our forum.

Website – Will be represented as a table at the social. David will do a short presentation on the forum/website.

PAGE student rep – no report

Old BUSINESS

- Audit of last year's book needed. See notes above.

New BUSINESS

- Janelle will report on how the scheduling with 8 schools is going.
- Read-A-Thon for spring break?

Meeting adjourned 8:20

Next meeting November 3, 6:30PM, Las Palomas