

Partnership PTA Board Meeting

April 3, 2008

Members present: Veronica Degraffenreid, Mark Kenjarski, Alison Hiltz, Sharon Graham, Becky Holt, Mary Hunter Martin, Dawnette Scott, Lynne Blanton, Arden McFarlane, Lynn Ashby, Holly Camak, Carrie Gray, Rena Henry, Beverly Armwood

6:04, Becky Holt called the mtg to order.

Minutes were approved as written by Dawnette Scott. Seconded by Veronica Degraffenreid.

Treasurer's report.

- 5th grade has deposited \$715 from their Webkins raffle and bake sale.
- We will get a credit from the YMCA as we paid for track out camp and they cancelled it.
 - We have money to spend in several line items.
- There is one more deposit from the Spring fundraiser that doesn't show on this budget. Deposit of \$3641 will bring the net up to \$12511.

Budget:

- Increase Cultural Arts expense to \$11500.
- Separate art supplies from CA line item and give them \$1500.
- Discussion about reducing or eliminating the Pioneering Spirit—budget line \$1000. We decided to publish quarterly: August 15, October 15, January 15, and March 20 (approximate dates-publish at the beginning of each quarter).
 - Technology-Keep at \$3000.

Beverly Armwood told the board that we have some money that we need to spend before June 30. Discussion about what we could spend money on—

We want to begin purchasing Elmos and Smart boards as tools for teachers. An Elmo costs about \$1300. We will need carts for the ELmos. Mark will check on prices for interactive white boards.

Mary Hunter Martin suggested that we pay whatever the 5th grade cannot raise for their 2 basketball goals that they want to give as a class gift. They are raising money to replace the 2 broken goals that we have. They want to buy park and recreation grade goals. They estimate that it will cost \$3000. Veronica Degraffenreid made a motion to fund the rest of the basketball goals. Rena Henry seconded it.

Lynn Ashby proposes that we buy enough laptops for each 4th and 5th grade child to have a computer in the classroom.

Alison Hiltz proposed that we buy laptops for each teacher.

Motion: Alison made a motion that we commit up to \$10000 to purchase 5 Elmos with carts. The caveat is that Beverly will be in contact with the Senior Partners to discuss the actual available funds. Seconded by Mary Hunter Martin.

Cultural Arts:

- Almost Recess, an a cappella group, will perform April 10.
- The display frames have been purchased, and art work is in them. We need to get them hung.
- In planet meeting, students are making earth friendly signs for Earth Day that will be displayed in Whole Foods on Wade Ave.
- We need a Cultural Arts chairperson for next year. Lynne Blanton is moving to Chatham County.

Hospitality:

- There will be another dessert drawing for teachers and staff on April 25.
- Discussion about providing Chick Fil-A for dinner at the April PTA mtg. Kim Fulcher will not be at the April PTA mtg, so we will need

someone to pick up the sandwiches and collect money. We would like to increase the price a little. Alison Hiltz made a motion to provide Chick Fil-A that night. Lynn Ashby and Holly Camak seconded.

- Staff Appreciation week will be May 5-9. There will be a luncheon for the teachers one day that week. They will reuse last year's collection buckets in order to save money.

Ways and Means:

- **Carrie Gray reported that 22 out of 27 board members contributed to our spring fundraiser. We would like to have 100 % participation from our board,** so if you have not contributed, please do so.
- We grossed \$13287 during this fundraiser so far. Carrie is hoping to gross \$14000 by the end of the school year.
 - 5th grade raised \$2080—83% participation
 - 4th grade raised \$1797—57% participation
 - 3rd grade raised \$1978—60% participation
 - 2nd grade raised \$2883—69% participation
 - 1st grade raised \$1878--58% participation
 - K raised \$2335 - 55% participation

Thank you all for a great Science Celebration day. The children found the day both educational and fun.

Nominating:

- Holly Camak reported that Rena Henry is slated for President. Starla Huggins is slated for Vice President. Lisa Crumpler is slated for Secretary.
 - 2 people are interested in the Treasurer position. Both seem qualified. Could we possibly establish a Treasurer-elect position? This would be good for our board, as we will have a person in training for the Treasurer's job, and would eliminate an election. The Senior

Partners will talk with the candidates about this and see if one of them will agree to do the Treasurer elect job.

- There are 4 people interested in our School Improvement positions. We would like to have all 4 of them be on our School Improvement teams. We will have to alter the by-laws to add 2 more elected school improvement representatives, but we would like to have them all serve.

Senior Partner report:

Mark and Alison noticed that many of our 5th graders did not get accepted into modified calendar/magnet middle schools this year. They are meeting with Chuck Dulaney of the WCPSS Growth and Planning Department to see where Partnership fits into the selection process with WCPSS magnet schools.

The next board meeting is May 1st.

Becky Holt adjourned the meeting at 7:20.