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Minutes from "General Meeting" on 10/12/2006 - 9:30am

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Minutes for: General Meeting *from* 10/12/2006 - 9:30am *to* 10/12/2006 - 10:00am

Attendees:

Neil Cummins PTA

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Thursday October 12, 2006, 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Neil Cummins Staff Room

Attendees:

Dominique Harroch, Co-President; Laura Anderson, Co-President; Linda Henn, Vice President; Cindy Traverso, Vice President; Julia Ritter, Vice President; Lisa Donahue, Vice President; Sheri Mowbray, Secretary; Karen Dunn, Treasurer; Susan Christman, Parliamentarian; Lisa Klein, Historian; Chad Carvey, Vice-Principal; Lisa Poole; Tasmin Pessa; Monica Bonny; Rick Barker; Barbara Kelly; Jill Knott; Margot Segal; Dany Phillippe; Sarah Notter; Michael Shehan; Sophie Eaton; Elein Phipps; Deloris Leiter; Janine Wilford; Rick Barker; Alison Kreshin; Lisa Werrich.

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30a.m. by President Laura Anderson.

Review of Agenda

Laura reminded everyone that the meeting agendas for both general and executive board meetings are posted on the website and in the volunteer office ten days before the meetings take place. Minutes and meeting schedule are also available online.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Dunn distributed the balance sheet and P&L reports. She noted that the bank balance is over \$80,000 currently. Our lunch income so far is \$94,000 which is \$18,000 more than projected. The PTA membership drive is going very well, as is spirit wear. Karen announced that we paid each teacher \$50 as a gift which totaled \$2,000. She announced that we intend to end the year with a bank balance of

\$10,000 which leaves about \$53,000 available for us to spend or share.

Karen noted that we needed to ratify all expenses paid to date from July 1 - October 11, 2006. Susan Christman moved that we ratify the list of expenses paid to date 7/1-10/11, 2006. Jill Knott seconded. The motion carried.

Karen distributed a list of the funds that we need to release, as follows:

Campus Improvement - Labyrinth - October - \$3,000

Holiday Store (12/8) - December - \$300

Hospitality-Other - December - \$200

Insurance and Dues - December - \$2,000

Music Concerts (funding only) - December - \$650

Staff Appreciation - December - \$1,250

Science Night (funding only) - January - \$250

Spellathon - (1/8-2/2) - January - \$600

Sandbox cover (tax) - October - \$116.25

Lisa Klein moved that we release said funds. Lisa Donahue seconded. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

Chad Carvey gave an update on the labyrinth project. Unfortunately, the labyrinth expert we were working with has disappeared so Chad is looking for someone else. One D+ Dad who is an architect has volunteered his services and if Chad cannot find a labyrinth expert, he will take this person up on his generous offer. All of the materials for the labyrinth have been selected, including synthetic bender board, colored crushed granite walkways and a soapstone sculpture in the center.

Chad also talked about the GATE meeting which occurred on Wednesday evening. He said that the GATE program is in a time of transition and is a focus of the school board's priority agenda. They want to be sure we are doing enough to challenge high achievers. There will also be a committee focused on GATE as part of the District Advisory Council. They are considering many options, including pull-outs similar to special ed.

Chad then talked about the kindergarten lunch and the challenges they are still working out. The bottom line is that more supervision is needed and they are trying to figure out the best way to offer that. One way might be to have the kindergarteners play on the big playground in combination with first or second graders. No final decision has been made. Rainy day lunch for kindergarteners will likely be

in the gym.

Approval Items

- Minutes from General Membership Meeting 8/31/06. Cindy Traverso moved that we approve these minutes. Linda Henn seconded. Motion carried and minutes are approved.

- Approval of the Bylaws - Need to approve the bylaws including the \$1,000 limit of non-budgeted expenses executive board can authorize. Julia Ritter moved that we approve the bylaws as written and Lisa Klein seconded. The motion carried.

- Lunch Vendor Contracts. Susan Christman moved that we approve the lunch vendor contracts as they currently read. Lisa Donahue seconded. The motion carried.

- Donation to Hall PTA of \$10,000 with stipulation that the money be used for a play structure and that the order be initiated by 11/15.

- There was substantial discussion about this topic. Laura explained that we were asked by the Hall PTA to help them since we have a large surplus in our budget and they do not. With the fifth graders having moved to Hall, there is insufficient age-appropriate playground equipment to satisfy them. There are also other needs including shade structures for all grade levels, etc. that may be brought to us later. None of these campus improvements can be funded by the CMLSF. In the meantime, the recommendation is for us to provide \$10,000 in order for them to acquire the needed playground equipment. The deadline was put in as a stipulation so that the progress is made quickly to accommodate the current fifth graders so they may enjoy whatever is brought in.

- There is a committee of four people at Hall who will investigate possible choices and make the recommendation and determination. They are going to look at other campuses, including Kent, to see what they have there.

- Barbara Kelly, Co-president of Hall's PTA, expressed her gratitude for considering this donation.

- Tasmin Pessa moved that we donate \$10,000 to Hall for the purchase of a play structure with the stipulation that the action be initiated by 11/15. Cindy Traverso seconded. The motion carried.

- Susan Christman moved that we release the \$10,000 in funds for above noted project. Dany Phillippe seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

After adjournment, Dr. Alexandra Matthews spoke on "The Mentoring Parent: Advanced Parenting Skills".

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Mowbray

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