

Neil Cummins PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 4, 2008
8:20-9:20 NC Staff Room

Attendees: Catherine Guthrie, Carolyn Caindec, Sarah Notter, Susan Christman, Sarah Silverstein, Karen Bond, Monica Malone, Cheryl Vohland, Allison Ross, Devon Carlisle, Molly Wuthrich, Alice Marks, Margo Segal, Melanie Watson, Maridel Barr, Chadra O'Donnell, Amanda Conran, Cookie Morin, Christine Bent, Laurie Dubin, Jennifer Ginsburg, Andrea Pierpont, Sheri Mowbray, Kris Wade, Laura Anderson, Barrie-Lee Zucker, Jamie Bueman, Gina Vartarian, Corey Stodolnic, Julia Ritter, Ann Trunko, Jen Lanciault, Michelle Walker, Valerie Pitts, Marilyn Clark, Pam Bittner

Call to Order: Cathie Guthrie called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Superintendent's Report, Valerie Pitts reported that facilities are the subject of the day. There was another increase in enrollment this year and the Board is considering constructing new facilities and renovating and removing old ones. Discussion was held re: development potential in Corte Madera as the town develops its 20-year General Plan. Next School Board meeting will be on September 24th and facilities will be on the agenda. There will be a special meeting of School Board 10/14 dealing only with Facilities plan and it will be held at Neil Cummins.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Trunko presented the final 2007-2008 numbers and the upcoming 2008-2009 budget. Last year we ended with year with \$27,000 in our bank account. Last year we netted \$55,000 on our lunch program, \$25,000 from the Spell a Thon, additional income came from membership. Expenditures included \$15,000 on field trips, \$26,000 on art instructional materials, and \$21,000 on new art supplies for the classrooms. Proposed Budget presented and anticipates we will take in \$72,000, from the Hot Lunch program, our biggest fundraiser. She noted that the income goes directly to kid programs at our school. She stated that we anticipate the same income from Spell A Thon as last year, but the hope is that more will come in as we have more kids in grades 1-4. She informed us of the Youth In Arts grant and associated expenditures the PTA will undertake to support the Arts programs. We are committing \$16,000 to re-stock supplies. \$15,000 will be spent to support the Field Trip outings. Each classroom/teacher gets a pool of funds to spend on classroom needs. Each teacher gets approximately \$1,000. We will fund \$3,000 in new playground equipment. We will spend additional funds on Music and Science programs.

Approval Items:

Karen Bond made a motion to approve 2008-2009 Budget and to release funds for Aug- Jan. activities. Christine Bent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carolyn Caindec made a motion to approve the PTA sponsored activities that will support the Budget. Kris Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monica Malone made a motion to approve May General Meeting minutes. Laura Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sarah Notter made a motion to approve the Good Earth, Earl's Organic and Stefano's Pizza Lunch contracts, Anne Trunko seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District Safety Representative – Karen Bond was nominated as our District Safety Officer by Cathie Guthrie.

PTA Business:

VP Membership: Jamie Bueman spoke about committee heads needing support so turn in the coupon books, we are looking for Absentee Line volunteer for Thursdays. She encouraged everyone to join the PTA.

President Report on Misc. Items: Cathie Guthrie advised that the PTA General Membership Meeting Schedule www.nc-pta.org will be posted on our new and improved website. Recommendation was made to have a community bulletin board with PTA information from meetings, schedules and information extracted from the Website.

VP Campus Improvement: Karen Bond stocked all classrooms with Emergency Backpacks, the first lice check will be on Friday, 9/19. She encouraged everyone to put names on clothing to assist the Lost and Found committee. Comfort Kits went home with parents at Back to School night.

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VP Fundraising: Carolyn Caindec explained that Fundraising includes Box Tops for Education and Spirit Wear among other things. We are trying a new fundraiser to fund the 4th Grade Outdoor Education program. The program is called Greenraising and will replace the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale. The campaign will run 9/15 through October 3rd. This program is more aligned with our efforts here on campus to become more ecologically conscientious. During the campaign in Sept/Oct the school will receive 40% of profit and throughout the year the profit to school will be 25%.

VP Outreach and Education: Sarah Notter: we will be putting on Parent Ed nights, Spring School play, Hoedown among other “non-fundraising” activities.

Committee Head of Parent Education: Andrea Pierpont informed us of the following Parent Ed nights: Oct. 16th (moms as last on the pecking order) and November 13th (common sense media). In January an author will speak to how children have wrestled the power away from parents.

Eco-Hawks Committee head: Susan Christman gave a plug for Eco Parents and classroom party packs, and explained the yearlong programs Eco Hawks will run including Cool the Earth and Safe Routes to School.

Support Services meeting followed General Membership meeting.

Adjournment: Cathie Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Christman

Secretary