

**P**arent **S**taff **O**rganization Meeting  
Cardiff School District  
April 16, 2008  
Minutes

**PSO Officers:**

Susan Magnuson	President
Kristi McCourry	Co-Vice President Cardiff Elementary
Craig Weaver	Vice-President Ada Harris
Suzie Abeyta	Co-Vice President Cardiff Elementary
Greta Ott	Secretary
Courtney Engelman	Treasurer

**Attendees:**

Tom Pellegrino, Jill Heichel, Sue Yant, Suzie Murray, Britta Brewer, Peter Mlynar, Allison Wylot, Leigh Jones, Carrie Elwin, Holly Baird, Christy Bulskov, Beth Scerni, Andrea Murphy, Dawn saik, Olivia Kleinrah, Michelle Melton, Pam Sylvor, Lisa Weaver

\*Susan and a few others were late to the meeting due to Kindergarten Parent Night; Craig conducted the PSO meeting until Susan joined the meeting.

**Introductions:**

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Introductions around room.
3. Agenda review/additions: No changes.

**Minutes:**

1. Review and adoption of March minutes. Motion to approve by Courtney, seconded by Kristi McCourry. Unanimously passed.

**Old Business:**

**1. Fundraising Updates:**

a. **Treasurer's Report:** Courtney gave a treasurers report. Donations have been coming in for the Ice Cream Social. We received a check for \$300 and \$700. She went over attached profit/loss. Although it looks like we spend money on field trips, it is a wash. She also explained the budget process for next year. Money that was raised in this school year goes towards next year's expenditures.

2. **Newsletter:** There will be no Wave in April. A special Ice cream Social Newsletter will go out next week, Wednesday April23rd.

**Community Out Reach/Interaction Reports**

**1. Ocean Night:** Ocean Night was a great success. Roughly 150 people came to the event to watch Finding Nemo. It was suggested that we do a similar night at Ada Harris. Jill felt that this event would probably not be very successful and we could be setting ourselves up for disaster.

**3. Ice Cream Social:**

- a. **Silent Auction:** Allison reported on the amount of items for the auction. We have a lot teacher experiences this year. She wanted to thank the

teachers who are generously donated their time. She asked that Craig and Kristi shoot an email out to the class liaisons to get the word out.

- b. **Class Baskets:** Kristi reported on the class baskets. A Letter explaining the theme of each class basket should have gone home. It was reported that some classes still didn't have boxes. Liaisons should be clear about philanthropic baskets. All items must be in by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas were brought up to help the communication between parents and PSO. Christy explained that Ms. Azzam and she created a letter together that went home. The response was great. Adam Harris classes are going very slow. Basket wrapping will happen the week of the 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. **Class creations:** Olivia reported on the class creations. She brought in a second grade happy house project. All classes are on track for finishing their projects.
  - d. **Entertainment:** Greta reported on the entertainment. Studio 429 will be performing. The following bands have been booked: the verso, SuperWave and chasing sound.
  - e. **Media relations:** Greta reported on media. There was a little write up of our event in the North County times. The coast News and the Union Tribune have also been contacted. It was suggested that KUSI, channel 8 and channel 10 be contacted. Also, it was mentioned that 94.1 may give us some air time since it is for a nonprofit. Greta agreed to look into these.
  - f. **Redemption Room:** Britta reported on the redemption room. She was looking for ideas for the older kids. Farting pens, itunes gift card, farting putty and candy were suggested.
  - g. **Other:** Allison reported she had 50 posters that need to be hung. Courtney, Britta, Greta, Carrie, Kristy and Melissa all agreed to take some. Holly was looking for a hot water dispenser. Greta reported on the t-shirt and shared the design. Some suggested that the design be printed on the back.
4. **Dream Dinners:**  
Dream Dinners is extending the March special through April. If you mention Cardiff, then we receive a percentage.
5. **Dinner's Night Out:**  
Allison reported on the Dipping Dots/Noodles night. She did not have the numbers from Noodles, but Dipping Dots wrote us a check for only \$29. She recommended that we do not go back there next year. Pat and Oscars and Yogurt Shack seemed successful, but we are waiting to hear the numbers. Next up is Islands May 7.
6. **Budget Cuts:**  
Tom explained the budget crisis. He is asking us to ask parents to write letters to the government. A flyer is going home from both the CEF and PSO asking to write letters and get involved.

### **New Business:**

1. **Staff Appreciation:** Staff Appreciation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents can bake desserts. We need people to coordinate the lunch. We need to send a letter home from Susan to teachers asking what is needed for their class room.
2. **Book Exchange:** The Book Exchange is scheduled for June. Students bring in books and exchange for others.

3. **Budget for 2008-2009:** The PSO is beginning the process of the budget for next year. As an organization, we can not just fund teacher salaries, per our mission statement. Courtney will be drafting a letter to go to all teachers and staff asking to submit form requesting items for their programs and classrooms. From these forms a tentative budget will be created and voted on. Only PSO members that have been at more than 50% of the meetings may vote on the budget. The budget letter will be going to teacher May 7 and returned by May 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Olivia asked how to submit a budget for the art docent program. Courtney reminded that all budget requests must be from a school employee. Olivia was advised to go through the Principals.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. District /School Board: Tom reported on the current budget crisis and how it was affecting our schools. He has been busy attending finance meetings. In addition to state funding, the property tax revenue is expected to decrease next year. There is a prediction of a 5% loss. Tom will be receiving more information in the next few days and weeks. The prediction is that the state will not have a state budget until late August, leaving us very little time before the school year starts.

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

Next meeting is scheduled for May 21st.  
June meeting is scheduled for June 11th.