

Parent Staff Organization Meeting

Cardiff School District

December 19, 2007

Minutes

PSO Officers:

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

Attendees:

Tom Pellegrino, Julie Parker, Donna Ganz, Susie Murray, Sue Yant, Michelle Melton, Olivia Kleinvath, Christy Bulskov, Shani Woody, Andrea Murphy, Stacy Davis, Peter Mlynar, Allison Wylot, Sarah Moulton, Elicia Bissonnette, Melissa Clark

Introductions:

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. Thank You: Donna Ganz wanted to thank all the parents who help with the PSO. The teachers from Cardiff as a thank you provided treats for us. Yum!
3. Introductions around room.
4. Agenda review/additions: No changes.

Minutes:

1. Review and adoption of November minutes. Motion to approve by Christy Bulskov, seconded by Donna Ganz. Unanimously passed.
2. Susan Magnuson thought that it might be a good idea of passing minutes along to teachers as well as parents.

Old Business/Activities:

1. Fundraising Updates:

- a. **Dinner's Out:** East Coast Pizza brought in \$144.00 and Cardiff Seaside Market brought in \$43.00. Tomiko's Restaurant is willing to give Cardiff school 10% of Cardiff family sales for an entire month. February was suggested. Stacy Proposed we have a month long Dinner's night out with Tomiko's for February. Christy second. Unanimously passed. Susan Magnuson brought up the discussion of purchasing some permanent banners for the Dinner's Out. The cost is \$125 a banner. During the discussion, amount needed and cost were discussed, Michelle Melton generously agreed to donate one banner, from Melton Construction. Stacy proposed the PSO

purchase another one, so we would have two (one for each school) Craig Weaver seconded. Unanimously passed

- b. **Escrip/Grocery Programs:** Elicia Bissonnette reported on the status of Escrip. The program is growing, so far this year there has been 30 new signups, which far exceeds last year. Everyone needs to remind parents to sign up their loyalty cards from Ralph's, Vons and Albertsons. It only takes a few minutes and it doesn't affect the club card discount. The percentage donated really adds up, we just received a check for \$1200.
- c. **Box Tops:** Susan reported that the program is still doing great. We are just waiting for the next round of checks.
- d. **Overall Fundraising status:** Courtney reported on the finances. Please see attached profit/loss sheet. The PSO finances are in great shape and most of our fundraisers have exceeded our projected income. Our year to date fundraising efforts have brought in close to \$55000. It is great that we are having a good year, so we have reserves to spend on "extras."

2. Community Outreach:

- a. **The Wave:** Sarah reported on our monthly newsletter The Wave. Sarah thanked Tom for gracing us with his 90-day report. She wanted feedback for an idea on having a question and answer column type thing. Questions can be school related, Cardiff related or historical. Example: What's the deal with the red brick building? Questions would be solicited from parents, staff and teachers.

Board and committee Reports:

- 1. **District:** Tom Pellegrino was excited about the recent holiday programs. He spoke about the witnessing of authentic learning. He spent some time with the fifth graders down at the Star of India. He was impressed with the teachers who continue to go to that field trip and the dedication it takes. He also spoke of our 5 year technology plan. A survey will be distributed to parents, teachers and Board Members to get input and ideas. Also, he wanted to commend the principals for their presentation to the board on Star scores and the goals surrounding the scores. There are many things that are ongoing and up and coming to increase the scores. Tom intends to post the goals of the principals on the web. He also wanted to give kudos to all the parents that were at the PSO meeting, despite being at such a busy time of year.
- 2. **Principals Report:** (Julie Parker had to leave the meeting unusually early due a sick child. She gave her report at the start of the meeting and then excused herself. For organization purposes her report appears here.) Julie Parker spoke about the introduction of the recycling program during lunch.

The trays have been switched from Styrofoam to cardboard, leading to a reduction in the amount of trash generated. (From 8 bags a day to 1 and a half!) All the teachers and students enjoyed the Christmas carol assembly!

3. **Teacher Representatives:** Suzie Murray and Sue Yant reported from Ada Harris. The fifth grade had a great but chilly time at the star of India. The fourth grade just finished "the walk through California" Vince (former Superintendent recently visited Ada and did some pottery with the students. The computer lab is getting all new Macs.
Donna Ganz reported on the status of Cardiff Elementary, which is doing great. All the teachers are thankful for the great parent volunteers. She also wanted to mention that Julie Parker did a great job with the recycling assemblies. Christy Bulskov spoke a little about the Roots and Shoots club which helped push the recycling program along. Hopefully the recycling program can branch off onto Ada Harris campus. It was suggested maybe some third graders who help with the program at Cardiff could spear head the efforts next year at Ada.
4. **Site Council:** Julie reported about the status of the site council. The council is currently working on an updated site plan that looks at academic achievement. The council develops school wide goals and looks at whether goals were achieved or not. The RAD reading lab, learning lab and RAD programs have all grown from a need to meet Star score goals.
5. **Music Boosters:** Susan Magnuson reported about the Music Boosters. They just had their winter concert. During the event they were able to ask and receive donations from many of the parents to keep they program running. The night was a great success, the bake sale alone brought in \$250.00. The gift card program needs to be more widely promoted. Although the PSO helps with the music boosters, we are trying to make them more independent as a fundraising group. The Music program only includes around 60 fourth through sixth graders.
6. **ELAC/DLAC:** Tom reported that he had heard that they had another meeting. The meeting included that same group on English as a second language parents that were thankful for all the information being available to them.

Officer Reports:

1. **Vice President AH:** Craig Weaver is still looking for a chairperson for the magazine drive nest year. Craig will be setting up a meeting with the magazine person, and would like next years chair to be there. Craig would not abandon the person.
2. **Treasurer:** Courtney wanted to remind all the teachers to send in field trip checks when they are received instead of waiting until all our collected. The

time frame could help reduce bounced checks. Also, she wanted teachers to be clear what they are asking for, money wise for field trips.

New Business:

1. **Ice Cream Social:** Good News! We may have a chairperson coming forward to chair this fundraiser. There are lots of sub committees that still need chairs. A few volunteers stepped forward to fill in the chair vacancies: Kristi and Craig will chair Silent Auction Flyer Copies & Distribution. Christy Bulskov agreed to chair the Plant sale.

There was much discussion on how to assign class basket themes to teachers. The teachers like to be involved with the process. It was decided that the teacher representatives would lead a brain storming session at the next faculty meeting and bring the list to Kristi, who would then create a sign up sheet for the teachers lounges.

A think outside the basket theme was definitely the feeling most shared. Ideas include beach bag, cooler, etc. We must try to avoid duplicate baskets.

Craig mentioned that we might need new awnings, since many of them are missing parts and starting to look very shabby. Peter Mlynar agreed to head the set up committee.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.