

Parent Staff Organization Meeting
Cardiff School District
February 13, 2008
Minutes

PSO Officers:

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

Attendees:

Tom Pellegrino, Julie Parker, Dawn Saik, Mark Whitehouse, Lisa Dalton, Christy Strebe, Michelle Melton, Olivia Kleinvath, Stacy Davis, Allison Wylot, Sarah Moulton, Pam Sylvor, Christy Bulskov, Nicole Gasperoni, Nancy Orr

Introductions:

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Introductions around room.
3. Agenda review/additions: No changes.

Minutes:

1. Review and adoption of January minutes. Motion to approve by Craig, seconded by Kristy. Unanimously passed.

Old Business:

1. Fundraising Updates:

- a. **Dinner's Out:** Allison shared the update for Dinner's Out. See attached flyer for dates of upcoming dinners. The new banners are up at both schools.
2. **Newsletter:** Sarah Moulton reported about the Newsletter. Next edition will be sent home February 27. Any additional items should be sent to Sarah at sarahmoulton@yahoo.com. Deadline is February 20. CEF asked to have the gala be mentioned in the newsletter.

Reports:

1. School Board: Nancy Orr joined the meeting and shared with the group the current budget crisis that the school is facing. With the governor making huge cuts, Cardiff must react with letter writing campaigns. Cardiff school is in serious jeopardy of losing \$220,000 for its budget next year; Tom is planning on sending home a letter explaining the current budget crisis. Parents can help by writing letters expressing talking points. It was suggested having a table at the Art night. Susan suggested a parents night meeting to inform parents and encourage letter campaign.

Old Business:

1. Ice Cream Social:

- a. **Chair:** At this point the officers of the PSO must step forward as chairs for the Ice Cream Social.
- b. **Committee Chairs:** February 13 was a Kindergarten parent ICS meeting. Good turnout. There are still a few openings for committee chairs (see attachment) Michelle Melton volunteered to be high school community service volunteers coordinator!

- c. **Class Baskets:** Kristi reported about the class baskets. She read a list of basket ideas. (See attached) The teachers have been very flexible. There will be 4 charity baskets- 3 at Ada and 1 at Cardiff. The items will be to the charity, the money to the school. The Charity baskets will be US troops, Rancho Humane Society and two for Children's Hospital. It was suggested that one possible department for the Children's baskets should be the ER. Kristi and Craig would like to host a meeting to explain and share ideas about baskets.
 - d. **Awnings:** The Awnings have been ordered. They will be ready for pick up in the next couple of weeks.
 - e. **Class Creations:** Olivia reported that the class creations look great. The first grade and Kindergarten classes will start soon. First grade will be doing a happy house collage and the Kindergartens will do self-portraits collages.
 - f. **Entertainment:** The band Skanic was brought up. A member of the band, Eric Murphy has a son in Kindergarten. Possible other bands as well. An Ada Harris parent called whose son has band.
 - g. **T-shirt:** Greta is working on getting art done for the shirt by a surf artist. She is currently seeking Andy Davis. If this doesn't work out, there are other options.
 - h. **Opportunity Drawing:** Susan reminded the group that is they see something for the drawing on sale; best bet is to buy it. It was suggested UBFunkees would be a great prize that is directed at boys.
 - i. **Other:** Sarah Mouton agreed to contact the library for the book sale portion of the event.
 Cake Decorating party: Germ issue with cake decorating party?
 Michelle Zavody's husband has arranged for donations for all the ice cream toppings. We are still looking for ice cream donor/partner or sponsor.
2. **Mardi Gras Gala:** Mark Whitehouse reported on the gala. The tickets are about 60% sold. Mark asked that all remind parents to purchase tickets if they intend to go, because the event does sell out. The live auction will be on their website. www.mardigrasbythesea.com. Raffle tickets went home in grey envelopes.
 3. **Dream Dinners:** Once again Dream Dinners are inviting several parents to come and check out the business. The following PSO members would like to go on March 4 at 6:30: Greta, Christy B, Kristi M, Michelle, Nikki, Stacy, Julie P, Sarah, Dawn, Allison, Nancy Orr. For the entire month of March, 10% of proceeds will go to Cardiff when Cardiff parents attend the dinners.

New Business:

1. **Ocean Night:** This year, Susan is suggesting a scaled down Ocean Night, The event will be a family movie night. The movie Finding Nemo will be shown Friday night: March 28. Susan made a proposal to approve a different community event this year, Christy seconded, and Unanimously passed. Kristi may have a projector. Possibility of a bake sale, drinks or popcorn. Historically the PSO has helped the teachers display art in MPR. Pam said she is willing to help with this. Julie Parker suggested that if different ocean community groups would like to come and set up a table, they may. (Lifeguards, etc)

2. **Family Art Night:** Pam reported on the upcoming family art night. The Event will be at Ada Harris February 28th. The event is free and open to all. There will be three collaborative pieces to work on plus a take home activity. The collaborative pieces are mosaics, one made of glass, one toy themed and the other ocean themed,

Board and Committee Reports:

1. **School Board:** see above.
2. **Superintendent:** Tom shared about the current teacher training on differential learning; teaching to the high, middle and low. Teachers are in their second day of a five-day training. The feedback has been great. Tom also shared his thoughts about class placement for next year. The focus is going to be on creating balanced classes. Parent input of learning styles will also be helpful in creating the right placement. February 27th at 9 am at Cardiff school there will be a budget meeting for next year.
3. **Principals:** Julie shared that the students just celebrated the 100th day of school Parent teacher's conferences are coming in on March. (3/10-3/14) Friday will be the jog-a-thon. There have been some great assemblies.
4. **Site council:** There will be a meeting on March 6 at 3:15. Looking at the board's goals and the school goals.
5. **Music Booster:** The Music Booster gift card program is having a tough year. Last year, they were able to raise close to \$20000 and this year are currently at \$4000. Very unfortunate.
6. **ELAC/DLAC:** Another meeting next week, lots of new parents are getting involved.
7. **Cardiff Education Foundation:** Mark shared the CEF's current fundraising efforts have brought in \$71, 000. All the CEF meetings will now be at night on the first Thursday of the month- location will be announced on their website. Mark also suggested that he would like to have a discussion about the possibility of the CEF and PSO possible merging in to one organization.

Officers Report:

1. **Vice President:** Craig wanted to remind everyone that we still need a chair person for the magazine drive next year,

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 19th.

April meeting is scheduled for April 16th.