

# Parent Staff Organization Meeting

Cardiff School District

January 16, 2008

Minutes

## PSO Officers:

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

## Attendees:

Tom Pellegrino, Jill Heichel, Donna Ganz, Michelle Melton, Olivia Kleinvath, Stacy Davis, Peter Mlynar, Allison Wylot, Sarah Moulton, Melissa Clark, Pam Sylvor, Britta Brewer, Carrie Elwin, David Agran, Elvia Herr, Danielle Jirsa

## Introductions:

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Susan wanted all to know that there was a board meeting tonight. Julie, Jill and Tom were all there. Also, Susan wanted to let us know that due to the multiple commitments of the principals, Jill and Julie will take turns at PSO meetings. Jill and Tom joined tonight's the PSO meeting a few minutes late.
3. Introductions around room.
4. Agenda review/additions: No changes.

## Minutes:

1. Review and adoption of December minutes. Motion to approve by Suzie Abeyta, seconded by Britta Brewer. Unanimously passed.

## Old Business:

### 1. Fundraising Updates:

- a. **Dinner's Out:** Allison shared the update for Dinner's Out. Due to holidays and school break, there will be no dinner this month. Tomiko's is tentatively schedules for the entire month of February. March 5 will be Noodles and Company and the owner has graciously agreed to donate 25%.
  - b. **Calendar:** This item was tabled until next meeting because Courtney was unable to be at the meeting tonight.
2. **Newsletter:** Sarah Moulton reported about the Newsletter. Next edition will be sent home January 23. Any additional items should be sent to Sarah at [sarahmoulton@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmoulton@yahoo.com). This newsletter will feature a profile

of Jill Heichel. Sarah asked the group if a Ice Cream Social special edition would be helpful for relaying information about the event and asking for help that is still needed.

3. **Assemblies:** Susan wanted to know the feedback on the recent assembly featuring Tom Willis. No feet No hands, No problem was very well received from both the students and teachers at Cardiff. Unfortunately, Mrs. Hall class missed the assembly, because they were at Seussical. Some wondered why not bring that assembly to Ada Harris as well. The message of differences and overcoming obstacles could be very positive for the Ada Harris students,

## **New/Old Business:**

### **1. Ice Cream Social:**

- a. **Committee Chairs:** To start Peter Mlynar wanted to share that he had a hard time locating the Ice Cream socials actual date on the PSO website. The event will be May 3, from 10-3. Susan spoke about our need for a chairperson for this fundraiser. This person will be a point person to manage the committee chairs and to make decisions. This person must have strong leadership qualities and organization skills. We need one person to go to for all questions and issues. Most committees have chairs, see attachment.
- b. **Awnings:** As discussed at the December meeting, the awnings used at the Ice Cream social are in need on replacement. Peter Mlynar brought a sample of a canopy in the multipurpose room. After much research, Peter found what he believes the best canopy for the job. The easy-up Caravan canopy is a great easy to use canopy. The warehouse direct cost of each canopy is \$110 without sides and \$135 with four sidewalls. Peter is asking for the purchase of 6 with sides and 8 without for a total of \$1690 (plus some basic replacement parts). These canopies have no warranty because they come straight from the manufacturer. They can be purchased without tax because we are a non-profit. However, the warehouse is in Los Angeles. To avoid shipping costs Kristi and Britta offered to pick them up.

\*Stacy Davis made a motion to purchase the proposed 14 awnings, 6 with sides 8 without sides. Sarah Moulton seconded. Unanimously passed.

There was also much discussion on the possibility of corporate sponsorships for the canopies. This would result in signage on the canopies. This was met with mixed reviews. Possible repeat supporters, Cardiff seaside Market for example.

Another topic for discussion was having Dave Yant paint basic signs on the canopies to help parents. The signs could read "food", "drinks", "games" etc. Action item: Susan will follow up with Dave to get price for painting the basic signs on canopies.

- c. **Silent Auction:** Most classes have started their class creations. One issue with these mosaic projects is the cost of having them framed and matted. In the past, Allison has always found an underwriter for the class creations specifically. Pam explained what the mosaics projects are: a well-known art piece is cut into small squares and each student is given a square to reproduce. The small squares are then placed together to form a reproduction. The mosaics that have been completed are looking great! However, this leaves thirty plus pieces to be matted and framed. Pam, Allison and Elizabeth agreed to meet to figure out a plan of action. It was brought up that maybe Michaels, Rhino art or Aaron Brothers could donate them. Susan Magnuson proposed \$500 as the budget to be given to the class creation framing. Sarah seconded this motion. Unanimously passed.

The CEF wants some class creations for their auction at the gala. There are many issues surrounding this. Who makes the project? Which class. There is a possibility of the art docent program displaying art at event but not having it for sale. Also, maybe next year there could be class creations for the gala, but not this year.

- d. **Theme:** Susan presented the list of possible themes created by the officers. Many felt that we should capitalize on the fact that we are a surf community. Peter Mlynar suggested "Drop in for a scoop" This theme was well received. Stacy made a motion to name the even "Drop in for a Scoop," Allison seconded. Motion passed. "Drop in for a scoop" will be the theme for the 2008 Ice Cream social. Another idea was to utilize the Cardiff statue in the art for the brochure and flyers. Some felt that this would be disrespectful to the artist. After much discussion, it was suggested that Tom Pellegrino be used as a model to surf while holding an ice cream scoop. After some continued debate to use an ice cream scoop or actual ice cream, the group voted. The props for the photo will be up to the discretion of the committee and photographer.

- e. **Entertainment:** Elvia Herr reported on the status of entertainment for the event. She will be contacting the Hip-Hop Dancers that were used at the ice cream social. Michelle Melton suggested we contact San Dieguito Academy to use Battle of the Band bands to play. Britta wondered what happened to the talent

show that used to be apart of the ice cream social. This would be a great feature for the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Tryouts would have to be held. Karaoke was also suggested. This would be great for the jumpee area. Everyone felt that we should find bands and entertainment from our community rather than paying bands form other areas.

- f. **Class Baskets:** Jill Heichel reported that at the staff meeting the class basket themes were discussed. The teachers are willing to be assigned a theme. Donna Ganz reported the Cardiff teachers felt the dame way. The class collections start about a month before the event. January 30 is the deadline for teachers to give their suggestions if they want to have a say in what theme for their basket. All classes must be reminded to leave price tags on for tax purposes. Jill also reported that the Ada Harris teachers felt that one basket per grade level could be designated for a charity {troops, Polanski center, Children's hospital, human society, etc}. When discussing the logistics of what charity to choose, Olivia suggested that the Ada Harris student council could decide on five or six charities that would benefit from these baskets. Charities would receive both the items in the basket and the money raised from the basket. Allison wanted to make sure that we clearly mark the baskets as charity and to avoid misunderstanding that winner does not get the actual basket.
- g. **Games:** Melissa Clark shared the status of the games committee. She asked for all ideas to be sent her way. They are looking for new games, especially for the older children. Elvia shared tat she feels that most of the games are quite juvenile. The topic of the dunk booth was again brought up. Susan needs to discuss it further with Tom to research the legal and safety concerns surrounding the booth.

#### **Board & Committee Reports:**

1. **Principals Report:** Jill reported that both school are having an instructional focus. At Ada Harris the new computer lab opened. The teachers have been working on cross grade level articulation and stream lining curriculum.
2. **District/School Board:** Tom Pelligreno spoke about the massive budget cuts at the state level. Both the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 will be greatly effected. Basically the governor cut money out of the budget that has already been allocated. Many programs will be touched by these cut backs, class size reduction and before and after school programs. In addition, ten percent of the categorical budget will be lost, which pays

mostly aides, and special programs. Cardiff needs to find an additional \$110,000 to \$120,000 for next year.

The PSO will be expected to work with the board to discuss the allocation of funds. Tom will be working with Susan on the district needs. This issue will be ongoing as more information arrives.

**Officers Report:**

1. **President:** In place of Courtney, Susan quickly answered questions regarding the attached profit loss sheet. Peter Mlynar had some questions about investing our balance to increase funds. Susan explained that we usually put the money in a CD over summer. Peter offered to look at some other aspects of CD rates or money markets, etc.

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