

Parent Staff Organization Meeting  
Cardiff School District  
March 19, 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, Donna Kulbacki, Stacy Davis, Britta Brewer, Mark Whitehouse, Bettina Ayala, Carrie Davis, Debbie Galasso, Carrie Elwin, Pamela Sylvor, Andrea Murphy, Allison Wylot, Michelle Melton, Lisa Dalton, Christy Bulskov, Sarah Moulton, Peter Mlynar

**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 February minutes. Motion to approve by Donna Kulbacki, seconded by Courtney. Unanimously passed.

**Old Business:**

**1. Fundraising Updates:**

- a. **Dinner's Out:** Allison shared the update for Dinner's Out. February was Tomiko's month and brought in \$884, which was 10% of four Wednesdays in February. !! Dinner's Out for March was Dipping Dots and Noodles and we are still waiting for the numbers. For April, Dinner's Out is Pat & Oscars (25%) and The Yogurt shack (50%) on April 2. See attached flyer for details.
  - b. **EScrip:** Courtney reported that we just received a check for \$2000 from club card users. This is a great no cost fundraiser. Please encourage parents to register their cards with the school. Details are available of our website.
  - c. **ICS Underwriting:** Also, two checks have come in for sponsorship for the Ice cream Social.
2. **Newsletter:** Sarah Moulton reported about the Newsletter. Today, March 19 is the deadline for the edition coming out on March 26. Any additional items should be sent to Sarah at [sarahmoulton@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmoulton@yahoo.com). There will be some interesting features coming up in the next issue about the differential training the teachers have attended.

**Community Out Reach/Interaction Reports**

1. **Ocean Night:** Ocean night will be a movie night this year. March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This will be a free low-key event. Kristy wondered what movie would

be better, Surf's up or Finding Nemo. Susan asked for a show of hands, 13 people thought surf's up would be better and 11 people wanted Finding Nemo. There was some concern about the movies rating G versus PG.

**2. Staff Appreciation:** Staff Appreciation will be held this year similar to last year. The teachers will be treated to a lunch. The food was very good last year and will likely be the same.

**3. Ice Cream Social:** Greta Ott reported on the upcoming ice cream social. Rite Aid will most likely be donation the ice cream for the event. However, we have a problem with freezers. Also, **committee** chairs should check the brick-building inventory before purchasing any items the building is full of treasure! Greta reported that the t-shirt artwork will be donated by illustrator Ferris Plock.

- a. Committee Chairs: there are a few committee chairs positions that still need to be filled if anyone is interested, make it take it, popcorn, clean up committee
- b. Silent Auction/Sponsorship Update: Allison reported that the solicitations are going well. There has received around 40 items so far, much more to come. Some highlights include a day trip to Catalina on a private plane, the firefighter dinner and a signed Green Day guitar.
- c. Class Baskets Update: Kristi reported that teachers will get their assignments on Friday March 21. The Philanthropic baskets will have an explanation in the booklet and to parents. Liaisons will be asked to hand in basket items by April 25<sup>th</sup>. She expects that the liaisons will work with the teachers to send a letter to ask parents to bring in items or collect money. It is very important that the price tag be left on for tax reasons. The teachers and room liaisons should both sign the letter. Also, it is important that the teachers keep the students informed on what has been collected to help avoid duplicates and to brainstorm ideas.
- d. Class Creations Update: Things are going well. All classes will soon be complete. Ada Harris is complete. The Kindergarten and first grade will work on them soon. Peter Mynar mentioned that Leucadia Art gallery has agreed to donate frames for a few projects (one grade worth)
- e. Opportunity Drawing: The committee has collected all of their prizes and the tickets are being printed.
- f. Food update: It was brought up that some food might have been cold at the Halloween carnival. To help avoid this issue, warmers can be rented. Suzie Abeyta said she has some for us to use.
- g. Other: Sarah had the idea of a modified booklet to be placed at seaside market and or local preschools to encourage public to come. This is a great idea, but the event has been around for over thirty years, people will come. Pam shared her plans to have balloons as part of the decorations. After a brief discussion, many shared that balloons are bad for the environment. Pam will take this into consideration when creating her decorations. It was also mentioned that the

drinks booth was almost hazardous last year; maybe a mat or two would help this problem.

- 1) **Dream Dinners:** The free trial dinner went very well on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The month of March is Dream Dinner month.
- 2) **BUDGET CUTS/Action needed:** Mark and Susan will be sending home a letter urging parents to write letters to the government.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Kindergarten Orientation/Tours:** The Kindergarten Parent Information Night is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. There will be snacks and babysitting. Susan will need volunteers to help guide parents to Multipurpose room and hand out information. Also, Kindergarten parent tours will be April 18<sup>th</sup> after the Friday morning assembly. If you are interested in being a tour guide, see Susan.

**2. Ada Harris Family Fun Night:** Family fun night will be tomorrow night (3/20) at the Encinitas community center for Ada Harris families only. Ms. Paccione will be organizing games. The event is from 6:00-7:30 pm.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. District /School Board: Tom Pellegrino reported about the importance of the letter writing campaign. He also made mention of an article in the Union Tribune (3/16) that nicely laid out the budget crisis and the budget process. Tom is also looking closely at the technology plan. A questionnaire went home to parents.

2. Principal's Report: Jill Heichel reported about the current events at Ada Harris. She spoke about the success of Art night. The students will start the Star Writing test March 4<sup>th</sup>. Recently, the local middle school counselors visited the students and spoke of middle school.

3. Teacher Representatives: Donna Kulbacki gave a quick report on Cardiff. Parent teacher conferences went well. Everyone is excited about Ocean Week. Sue Yant and Susie Murray shared quickly about Ada Harris happenings. Colonial Days is coming up for the fifth grade. The sixth grade has started having competing basketball teams, both boys and girls.

7. Cardiff Education Foundation: Mark Whitehouse shared the success of the CEF gala, which brought in \$81,000! Rob Machado Foundation has been meeting with the CEF about creating an Environmental Science education. (Details to come)

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Next meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

May meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.