

Parent **S**taff **O**rganization Meeting
Cardiff School District
May 21, 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, Pam Sylvor, Peter Mlynar, Lisa Weaver, Mark Whitehouse, Sarah Moulton, Britta Brewer, Christy Bulskov, Allison Wylot, Olivia Kleinrath, Melissa Clark, Carrie Elwin

Introductions:

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:34p.m.
2. Introductions around room.
3. Agenda review/additions: No changes.

Minutes:

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

Old Business:

1. Fundraising Updates:

Ice cream Social Wrap Up: Good Job to all!! Susan commended all for doing such an outstanding job.

SILENT AUCTION: Allison wished to thank her committee Destiny Irons, Andrea Carter, Olivia Klienrath, Julie Szymansky, Mary Staples. -- Lesson Learned from 2008: Allison would like to have a budget for silent auction presentation, items coming in should be auction ready, Headlines graphics for booklet printing, write up names on chalkboard earlier after they go to file.

CLASS BASKETS: Class baskets were successful, sales totaled \$5360.00. They 8 philanthropic Baskets totaled \$1195.00. The feedback has been very positive for philanthropic baskets. If anyone won a basket, they can return the actual basket for next year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Courtney commended all for doing a great job. Monies raised this year was very close to last year. Auction was up, ticket sales were down. Next year, all committees should have a budget to avoid overspending. Total money collected \$57,336.30, minus expenses. Net income around \$43,000.

OVERALL: Greta Ott also wished to thank all for he dedication and commitment to this event. The community was truly amazing the day of, especially the custodial staff. Lesson learned: we ran out of cakes, order less ice cream, ran out of Mexican, more pizza (we went through 90!) we

need security, order less t-shirts (order around 200), teacher experiences seem to be going well.

Eric Murphy would like to chair music next year. Allison will chair silent auction.

2. **Staff Appreciation Luncheon:** Yeah for Pam! The luncheon went very well. The baked goods were great. Susan made a motion was made to move the luncheon to the end of May to accommodate the recovery after the Ice cream Social. Courtney seconded, Unanimously passed.
3. **Book Exchange:** The Book exchange will be June 6 at Ada Harris and June 9 at Cardiff. All students are asked to bring in old books to exchange for other used books. Flyers are going home next week. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

New Business:

1. **2007-2008 Financial Update:** (see attached profit/loss statement) Overall, the fundraising efforts this year was great. Dinner's night out has really grown. Sometimes parents forget flyers, maybe leaving them on the registrar.
2. **Budget 2008-2009:** Courtney circulated a Budget proposal. (See attached). Concerns were raised, should we be spending money on items considered 'extra' during a budget crisis. It was discussed that our mission as an organization is to enrich the students' days in the classroom and not to support salary. In 2000, we were giving 20% of our budget to salary; it is currently at 45%. Craig wishes to include in our bylaws that would decrease our supplements to salaries. It was raised that perhaps we should put our focus on reducing class size. Although, the PSO supports the CEF in its efforts to fund an additional teacher for the fifth grade next year, the officers feel that we cannot specifically ask parents to donate to that cause. It is a personal decision to donate. Each item on the list was discussed in detail, technology accounts, video conferencing, and field trips. The budget is still \$7000 over, and we would be depleting our reserves to approve the budget as is.
Some parents felt that we should not continue supporting specific programs, like music. The question was raised what would happen if the PSO stopped there financial support. Many felt the focus should be on mini grants and field trips, no digital classrooms. Or perhaps outfitting one grade at a time, versus the whole school would help keep costs down.
Carrie Elwin made a motion to reduce the reserve from \$30,000 to \$22,100. (this would help solve the budget) Pam seconded the motion. There were 14 yes and 8 no and one still on the fence. Only people who have attended more than 50% on meeting can vote on the budget. The following PSO members have a vote at the June Budget meeting: Susan, Craig, Kristi, Suzie, Courtney, Greta, Donna, Olivia, Stacy, Britta, Christy, Allison, Sarah, Carrie, Pam, Michelle, Sue, Lisa, Melissa, Susie, Andrea and Peter.
3. **Newsletter:** The final WAVE will be out the first week in June. The deadline for that newsletter is May 23rd.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

June meeting is scheduled for June 11th. (Final meeting for the year)