

Parent Staff Organization Meeting
Cardiff School District
June 10, 2009
Minutes

PSO Officers:

Craig Weaver	Vice President	Ada Harris Elementary
Courtney Engelman	Treasurer	
Greta Ott	Secretary	

• **Attendees:** Tom Pellegrino, Jill Heichel, Julie Parker, Susie Murray, Sue Yant, Donna Kulbacki, Michelle Melton, Vicki Brandon, Dagimar Landel, Kevin Landel, Damian Baumhover, Peter Mlynar, David Agran, Mark Whitehouse, Stacy Davis, Olivia Kleinrath, Meghan Laurs, Allison Wylot, Suzanna Sandrock, Kristen McCartney, Martha Largent, Lisa Weaver, Andrea Murphy, Pamela Sylvor

• **Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Craig Weaver.
Agenda review/additions: No changes.

• **Minutes:** Review and adoption of May minutes. Motion to approve by Pam, seconded by Craig Weaver. Unanimously passed.

• **Old Business:**

1. Treasurer's Report: We received a generous check from Mission Federal Credit Union for \$700. The Ice Cream Social brought in \$42,447. David Agran generously donated \$150 to the PSO so we could meet our proposed budget.
2. Book Exchange: The book exchange went well. Each child at Ada Harris brought home 2 books and each child at Cardiff brought home 5 books. Extra books are donated to the library.
3. Staff Appreciation: On June 3rd, coffee and sweets were held at each school. Possibility of bringing back luncheon next year.
4. Field Trip Administration: Tom is looking into implementing change and asking all teachers to process field trips in the 'Pat Lawyer' model, where teachers ask parents up front for monies for all field trips. Also, the PSO is looking into becoming partners with an outside company who can process online payments. The field trip policy needs to be cut & dry or it's not going to be done. We need to change it to work more efficiently so the PSO treasurer, who is a volunteer, doesn't get inundated with checks.
5. Budget: (See handout for more information) Under officer suggestions, line 22 went from 0 to \$4500 and line 38 flex teacher 6th grade will be \$8500. The budget this year is very scaled down without a lot of extras, based on the district needs and our fundraising. Stacy Davis made a motion to pass the budget of \$94,150 as proposed, Allison Wylot seconded. Budget passes.
6. CEF/PSO Merger: David Agran gave a short PowerPoint presentation about the possible merge. The group consensus was to continue to move forward to create one new organization. Some felt that a new stepping to far out from a PTA/PSO model will cause confusion. Also, many were concerned with the endowment, since currently 10% of the CEF donations are given to the endowment. David was asking the group for a

commitment from the PSO to continue to move forward and put out fliers in September.

Kevin made an a motion to have an advisory vote endorsing moving forward to have a committee meet over summer to develop the details of the CEF/PSO merge: including name, focus of organization, and allocate of funds; and send an email with details to the parent body. Seconded by Allison. Motion passes with majority.

•**New Business:**

1. Officer Positions for the 2009/2010 Year:
 - Secretary: Meghan Laurs was nominated by Greta and seconded by Courtney. Unanimously passed.
 - Treasurer: (vacant.) Currently seeking a parent who has some book keeping experience and a great attitude.
 - Vice President CS: Carrie Elwin nominated herself and was seconded by Courtney. Unanimously passed.
 - Vice President AH: Kristen McCartney was nominated by Greta and seconded by Courtney. Unanimously passed.
 - President: Greta Ott was nominated by Craig Weaver and seconded by Courtney. Unanimously passed.
2. Calendar for 2009/2010: See attached calendar. Currently PSO has a conflict with the School Board. Greta resolved to work with Tom on the calendar over the summer and have it ready for approval in the fall.
3. Magazine Drive: Peter had the dates for the fall kickoff: Tuesday September 8 at Ada Harris and September 13 for Cardiff School and running through September 23. This year we will spend less in prizes and include prizes for teacher. The reach out post card was very efficient.

•**Board & Committee Reports:**

1. District/School Board: Tom spoke of the upcoming serious budget cuts the school is facing. The problem continues as the state makes early, mid-year and late cuts. The district is trying to be as conservative as possible predicting such cuts to keep all major programs running. Tom thanked the group for everything the PSO and CEF does for the schools. Their were some questions about a Parcel Tax. Tom said the school board may look into that as an option. Also, some parents were at the meeting to speak about Cardiff School's science program. Some parents may try to set up a science docent type program for hands on science.
 2. Principals Report: Both Jill & Julie thanked all for their dedication and support.
 3. Teacher Representative Report: Donna gave a report about Cardiff School. Teachers are now finished with report cards and assessments. Donna spoke of the success of the book exchange program. Sue Yant and Susie Murray gave a report of behalf of Ada Harris. They wanted to thank the group for their extreme support with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade flex program.
 4. CEF: The CEF was able to meet their goal of \$13,000 to help fund a sixth grade flex teacher in just two weeks!
- Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm
The next meeting will be September 2009.