

Parent Staff Organization Meeting  
Cardiff School District  
June 11, 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, Julie Parker, Sue Yant, Suzie Murray, Donna Kulbacki, Stacy Davis, Pam Sylvor, Peter Mlynar, Lisa Weaver, Mark Whitehouse, Britta Brewer, Christy Bulskov, Allison Wylot, Carrie Elwin, Andrea Murphy

**Introductions:**

1. Welcome - Meeting called to order at 6:44p.m.
2. Susan gave a HUGE thank you to all who attended meetings and helped out, and made a difference!
3. Agenda review/additions: No changes.

**Minutes:**

1. Review and adoption of May minutes. A few typos were pointed out and a few corrections were made. Motion to approve by Greta, seconded by Courtney to approve the amended minutes. Unanimously passed.

**New Business:**

1. **Book Exchange:** The book exchange was a huge success. Every child at Ada Harris took home 5 books. Every child at Cardiff took home 4! An amazing anonymous parent donated boxes of brand new books. Thanks the Pam, Kristen McCartney and others who helped make the exchange a success.
2. **Babysitting:** A huge thank you to Cory K. who has helped the PSO all year by donating her time to baby-sit during our monthly meetings.
3. **Current Officer Status for 2008-2009:** The officers were asked if any were planning on continuing next year.
  - Suzie Abeyta plans on continuing her Vice Presidency and be the Spanish-speaking liaison. She would also like to chair the Ice Cream Social next year!!
  - Susan will be making a change and although she will still be involved, is not planning on being president.
  - Craig was nominated to be president, but declined. Craig is also not planning on continuing, but is willing if there is no one to fill his shoes.
  - Kristy McCourry will not be an officer next year.
  - Courtney will continue to be treasurer if she gets a helper for field trip collection.
  - Greta is willing to continue as secretary.

- Britta Brewer will chair the Halloween carnival (but will be out of town for the actual event- perhaps a co-chair)
- Christy Bulskov will chair plant sales at the ICS.
- Allison will again chair the silent auction at the ICS.

### **Old Business:**

**1. Budget:** The 2008-2009 budget was addressed and opened for discussion as we prepared for a vote. The current proposed budget (see attached) would cut into our \$30,000 reserve. Many topics were discussed pertaining to budget and what we should be supporting and spending money on. If we deplete our reserve, our fundraising efforts could become very stressed some where down the line (a year or two). Allison suggested that perhaps we need a soliciting chair, whose main goal is to solicit donations from big business. Someone suggested that we need more efficient and effective fundraising. Others believe that we should budget to spend what we make, if we make \$100,000 then we should only spend that amount.

Another topic brought up was the amount of money that is channeled into salary. Perhaps we should give a smaller percentage of our income to salary. Each year, salaries increase and the district pays more and more.

The topic of digital classrooms was also discussed. Many viewed this as a one-time expense, which would help all students in their education. Someone brought up the idea of perhaps removing item 23b (music funding) and feed those monies to 31A (digital classrooms). This would help our percentages to be less towards salaries.

At this time in the meeting, the topics of field trips were discussed. Many shared concerns about increasing gas prices and bus costs, how can we continue to support them financially. At this time, the representatives from Ada Harris kindly offered to give up their funds for cultural enrichment. This would help bring the budget to a workable number. Christy Bulskov made a motion to remove line item 25A for one year to correct budget crisis. Britta seconded. Discussion ensued that there could be no guarantee that the cultural enrichment monies would be approved next year.

Suddenly, someone suggested that we focus on grant writing. Both Lori Lindamere and Peter Mlynar are willing to write grants.

Then, Stacy made a motion to pass the budget as is and take \$7000 from our reserve. Carrie Elwin seconded the motion.

Susan then realized that Christy's earlier motion was ignored and gave the floor to Christy, who repeated motion. She made a motion to strike line item 25A (cultural enrichment) from the budget for this year only and approve the budget of \$104,705. Peter gave a second. The motion passed 14 yes's, to 7 no's. As stated earlier, the staff of Ada Harris at the meeting are willing to sacrifice the funds for cultural enrichment but hope they return the following year.

Courtney made a motion to place \$120,000 to \$130,000 of the PSO funds into a three-month CD for the summer. Christy Bulskov seconded. Unanimously passed.

### **Board and Committee Reports:**

Tom wanted to thank every one who has volunteered their time and efforts. In his first year as superintendent, he is truly blown away by the community and parents.

Adjournment: **Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**