



PTA Board Meeting  
North Beach Elementary  
January 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

**It is the mission of the North Beach Elementary PTA to foster community inclusion, child advocacy and academic excellence by facilitating communications, supporting teachers and staff, & enhancing the educational, social & physical environment of North Beach Elementary School.**

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### Minutes

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Attendees: RJ Sammons, Mary Malone, Sue Schoolcraft, Michelle Cole, Tina Kliman, Stacey Hackney, Dana Tramountanas, Erika Hermanson, Mark Hardy, Glory Frodesen, Bill Booth, Lyn Blanchard, Rod McCarvel, Stan Cohen, Arlene Cohen, Selena Carsiotis, Diane Coyne

6:37 -- Call to order

A. HOUSEKEEPING

1. MINUTES – Stacy made a motion to approve the December. Motion carries.

B. PRINCIPALS REPORT (RJ Sammons)

1. MAP Testing begins next week, and will run for a couple of weeks.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> school-wide writing prompt will be given the last week in January. The topic will be the “most exciting place”. The staff will calibrate writing prompts on February 6. This effort will help align writing instruction and curriculum in the school, and with common core and current state standards.
3. BLT to read chapter 2 of the book “Driven by Data”.
4. Kimi Rabon, guest facilitator, will come in on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 for MLK Jr. Day. It will be highly interactive, fun and engaging.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT (Mary Malone)

1. Raised \$1000 for “Fill the Boot” campaign.
2. Raised \$665.75 for the Parent’s Night Out.

D. AGC (Sue Schoolcraft)

1. Total amount raised is \$48,575.50, which includes the Mason’s \$3,000 donation.
2. \$5000 in pledges have yet to come in.



E. LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Rod McCarvel)

1. The Court gave its first report on the McCleary case, stating that the legislature has slowed down the rate of decrease, now they need to increase spending for education. There was a dissent saying that the court doesn't have any jurisdiction over education.
2. Any day there will be a ruling on the 2/3 majority to raise revenue.
3. Focus Day is Jan. 24.

F. NORTH BEACH SPRING AUCTION AND GALA (Tina Kliman)

1. Event will be held on April 5.
2. Committee would like to have 100 items for auction. Procurement forms are due Feb. 28.
3. Every teacher will be given a ticket.
4. Ticket is all-inclusive, \$50 per person.
5. Swapping auction workers with Loyal Heights for their event on March 9.
6. Committee will back whatever needs RJ and the staff suggest for the "raise-the-paddle" items. RJ to provide suggestion for "raise-the-paddle" by the first of February. Staff priorities will be outlined within the next few weeks.
7. There will be a wine raffle, which funds will be designated to support a certain program at the school.
8. There will be class baskets.

G. STAFF/TEACHER DEVELOPMENT (Mark Hardy)

1. Staff development will help our existing programs (e.g., Reader's and Writer's Workshop)
2. RJ will address staff development as one of the staff's priorities.

H. SAFETY & SECURITY WHAT WE CAN DO (RJ Sammons)

1. Focusing on realistic and sustainable change
2. Ed Luke, SPS security officer, has been invited to the school's lock-down drill on Friday, Jan. 11.
3. Met with BLT, who operate as RJ's "think tank" team. Ideas generated include:
  - i. Staff Badges – all staff wear them all the time – Currently put in place.
  - ii. Limiting access – front office policy will change so that items left after school has started will be at the office and distributed to the children. Currently in place.
  - iii. Installing high deadbolt, quick-lock on all classroom doors for use during an emergency. Currently the teachers have to lock the door from the outside and then shut it. Peggy McElvoy, SPS director of operations.
  - iv. Until the deadbolts are installed, staff is considering a "prop and



- lock” system.
- v. All teachers will use an all-call system through the intercom, with a common code, in an emergency.
  - vi. Currently there are three rings for rainy day recess. For a reverse evacuation – changing the nomenclature so that it is a “come in side” message.
  - vii. Developing one common page for substitute folders
  - viii. RJ has left North Precinct SPD regarding the changes in safety and security we’re implementing. They have been invited, and would like to increase cooperation with the SPD.
  - ix. Lock-down drill will occur on Friday.
4. Other ideas discussed:
- i. Putting a fence on the northwest side of the building
  - ii. Installing cameras (\$300 system at Costco)
  - iii. Our open doors are very silent when opened; consider noisier doors.
  - iv. Consider having a SPD officer at the General Meeting
  - v. Add fencing around the portables.
  - vi. Lock the doors on the north and east side of the building. Consider providing keys to the teachers for student use or having a key code for access.
  - vii. Installation of a rolling gate at the south of the building to allow SPS access to the back of the building, but otherwise locking
  - viii. Installation of a gate at the top of the stairs at the south end of the building
  - ix. Parent greeter at front door to ensure sign-in
  - x. Lock all doors
  - xi. Doors should have code entry
  - xii. Develop a closer relationship with SPD

#### I. GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Safety & Security
- 2. Science Fair
- 3. Beach Party
- 4. Auction

#### J. INCOMING FAMILIES TOUR

- 1. Scheduled for Feb. 21, 5-6 p.m.
- 2. Volunteers are needed.

#### K. READ ACROSS AMERICA/MULTI-CULTURAL POTLUCK

#### L. SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

- 1. Committee is looking for judges.



M. PARENT EDUCATION

1. Need to consider ideas for what we'll do in this realm.

N. WINTER BEACH PARTY UPDATE (Diane)

1. Coordinating a playlist in lieu of a DJ
2. Will not call the event a "Luau", it will be a winter beach party.
3. Consider having a photo booth where kids could have their picture taken for a fee.
4. Want to reduce the cost of admission from \$10 to \$5. Consider rolling the cost of admission in with dinner.
5. Group to consider asking high school students to volunteer.
6. Hawaiian shirts will be sold for \$5 each.

O. LUNCHROOM

1. Concern was raised about the vibe during the lunch period.
2. RJ is open to exploring options for where these children could eat, however most lunchrooms at other schools have a similar vibe.

P. PROPERTY PURCHASE (Selena Carsiotis)

1. Open house is scheduled for Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m. at the Northgate Community Center. There will be a presentation for the park opportunity fund.
2. The group needs to raise the funds to buy the property.
3. The lot is at the end of Olympic Terrace.
4. The owner of the lot is willing to sell.
5. There is an adjacent 10,000 sq. ft. "sunny meadow" that can get special zoning.

Q. UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. January 16 -- Math Night
2. January 21 -- MLK Jr. Day no school
3. January 24 -- PTA general meeting, focus will be diving into the data
4. January 31 -- Grade 2 and 3 Concert and art show
5. February 1 -- No School. Day off between semesters
6. February 21, 5-6 p.m. -- Incoming families tour

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