PTA Board Meeting

October 1, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

North Beach Elementary Library

**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.**

# **MINUTES**

ATTENDEES: Rowland Morgan, RJ Sammons, Claire Korman, Mark Hardy, Phillipa Dugaw, Burt Hopkins, Kerry Schultz, Kristine McLane, Erika Hermanson, Kari Fera, Glory Frodesen

6:41 Call to order

1. HOUSEKEEPING
   * Approve August Minutes. Glory made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
2. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Conducting monthly themes this year. The September theme was “get set to expect” and the October theme is “Maximizing your mini-lesson” focusing on literacy.

The school district is slated to start a fence project on the east side of the school campus. The brush will be cleared and a 6’ chain link fence will go up on the east side, and a car gate will go up on the south end of the building. Our school will be fully secured. A small group will meet tomorrow morning to discuss this effort with the neighbors.

School budgets are expected to be cut 20% for the 2014-15 school year. At this point this is a worst-case scenario.

Funds totaling about $20K left over from last years’ auction. RJ will be working with the BLT and the staff to determine how it will be spent.

There was a discussion about having teacher’s receive approval – or at least an acknowledgement – from RJ prior to submitting reimbursements for professional development. Then tracking and communicating PTA supported professional development during the AGC fund-drive and at the Auction.

1. FINANCIAL REPORT (Rowland Morgan)

Rowland provided a P&L. He will explore the functionality in QuickBooks to show whether our budget is on plan.

1. Legislative Report – No Report
2. Golden Envelope program is kicking off on Tuesday, 10/15. Communication will go out via The Beachcombers and the staff will be notified about the program. The prizes are wine basket, museum basket and movie basket for those families donating at $175 level. The prize for families donating at $250 is the Great Wolf Lodge. The campaign runs through November 15. Raffle will be held at movie night on the 15th. There will be two pizza parties for K-2 group, and the 3rd-5th graders so the younger.

F. Membership. Erika provided an update. PTA forms we have received as of Friday, 10/4. We received 114 forms that signed up (some had 2 parents, some 1 so not sure total # members).

For classes, we had the following:

K= 35

1=28

2=20

3=16

4=25

5=19

We had 3 scholarships and 13 opted out forms received.

Interested in a 2nd membership drive phase -- Can we run the database of family forms against the membership list.

1. Volunteerism. Still need volunteers to help with Reflections, Student Council (will be handled in house), 5th grade fundraising (will be handled in house), and ink jet cartridges.
2. Fall Social – Not as many people showed up this year, as last year. Previously it had been geared toward new families. Perhaps there were conflicts due to Whitman’s curriculum night. There was consensus that the event is worthwhile and should be repeated.
3. Book Fair update (Kristine McLane) – still waiting on final numbers, but expect it to be $5200 brought in and we’ll get 25% in store credit at The Secret Garden. Not a lot of support from the store, or the parent community that have made the committee consider something different. Other schools pull in about 2-3 times as much. They are considering either a Scholastic Book Fair or an Usbourne book fair.
4. Harvest Carnival (Phillipa Dugaw) – It will be Oct. 25. The bulletin board is up in the main hallway. Will be sending out the family pack information so people can start purchasing food and tickets in advance of the event. Costumes will go on sale for $5 each in room 12. Chili and pizza will be served at the event. RJ stated that hot dogs can no longer be sold at school events.
5. Watch Dog Dad Program – the program will be discussed at the November board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed School Boundary Changes – North Beach was well represented at the public meeting on October 1. The school district is reviewing the boundaries and they will make some changes to the proposals. The revised proposals will be submitted to the school board on October 16. The board meetings are scheduled from 4:15 - 8:00 on 10/16 at the John Stanford Center.
2. Scrip (Phillipa Dugaw) – The Scrip program is essentially fundraising while we shop. The gift cards would be purchased from Great Lakes and/or from local businesses. The program asks families to plan ahead, purchase gift cards to local businesses, and a portion of those gift cards.

St. John raised $75K for their school.

We’ll need to market the program, identify stores that the community frequents and stock up on cards and sell them. The Board overwhelmingly supports the Scrip program.

C. Trello (Mark Hardy/Miranda Palmer) – The program will be discussed at the November board meeting.

8:26 Adjourn

UPCOMING DATES:

* 10/11 Professional Development – No School
* 10/23 Picture Day
* 10/25 Harvest Carnival
* 10/30 2-hour early release
* 11/5 Board Meeting