

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
Board Meeting Minutes March 23, 2010

Welcome, Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Tiffin Moreno, Doug Pennington, Carrie Cortes-Monroy, Elizabeth Hughes, Amy Riggs, John Riggs, Karlyn Shannon, Erin McDonnell, Chris Woods, Julie Woods, Noha Gindy, Jeanne Trantum, Cassie Welliver, Marsha Venables

Secretary's Report

- We have quorum.
- Karlyn moves to approve the February Minutes. Second. So moved.

Treasurer's Report

- Karlyn presented the treasurer's report. Transferred \$5,000 from savings to checking. Closed out Capital Playhouse for Cinderella. The expenses are back in line. The third grade books came through, paid for headphones. Have not seen invoice for state books yet.
- Noha moves to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second. All approve.

Nominating Committee:

- Candidates for Elected Officers to the Pioneer Elementary PTA Board for the school year of 2010 - 2011 are: Co-Presidents Jeanne Trantum and Tiffin Moreno; Co-VP's of Programming Amy Riggs and Carrie Cortes-Monroy; Co-VP's of Fundraising Erin McDonnell and Colleen Madden; Treasurer Randy Gunderson; Secretary Drew Wellner.
- Doug moves to approve next year's officer candidates. Second. All approve.

Budget Committee

- The Budget Committee met on Sunday, March 21, 2010. All members (Amy, Karlyn, Jeanne, Tiffin, Randy and Noha) were present. At the end of the meeting, they had an initial income balance to work with for next year. They will meet again to look at expenses.

President's Report

- The Regional 4 Spring Conference was attended by Amy Riggs, Carrie Cortes-Monroy, Tiffin Moreno, Deb Came and Randy Gunderson. Sessions covered such topics as the Reflections program, standing rules, budget, conflict management, building the board, and programs.
- Membership award. Pioneer PTA has received "Gold Level" membership status for a 10% increase over the previous year's membership by January 25, 2010. Congratulations on recognition for all your hard work, Noha!
- Thank you To Cassie for Students on Stage! It was under budget, too!
- Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Erin, Jeanne, Colleen).

Principal's Report

- Introduced Creative Inc. as a possible source for future school spirit items.
- Kindergarten registration this week. So far there are 40 students. Mrs. Muzako will teach half time next year and Mrs. Spohn will teach full day. There will be two to

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three first grades, three second grades, three third grades, two fourth grades and three fifth grades. Will be adding staff next year. Enrollment so far is similar to last year unless Briggs picks up. There will be lots of dates in next school newsletter to pay attention to.

Committee Reports

- *Garden*. Presented by Erin. Looking for next phase behind the gym. Skilled work done by next fall. Surface on a grade so can not bark, rock etc. Safety being discussed with facilities. Next phase will be to bring the site committee to look at the rest of structures for safety and educational use. The areas should be for enjoyment and a hands-on place. Natural and artistic.
- *Arts Committee*. Presented by Cassie. "Everything is better with arts." Pioneer does more than other schools in the area, and yet is still not near state standards. Will be requesting grants for dance artists for assembly and classrooms. Carrie plans to implement the Reflections program even if we don't secure the grant. Recommends to continue an Arts Committee next year.
- *Sustainability Committee*. Presented by John. There are five parents on the committee. Discussed the idea that environmental things can often be perceived as hostile. The committee sought Pioneer teacher and staff input through a survey which included what they have seen at the work place, what works, what doesn't, but did not receive many responses. Recommends continuing sustainability committee next year. Erin recommended combining the sustainability committee with like minded groups like gardening, walking and arts. Maybe form a Healthy Living committee.
- *Auction Committee*. Presented by Julie. Discussed Fund-an-item ideas. A new sound system for the gym was discussed. A school play that all the kids could participate in discussed.

Other Items

- PTA still has charitable donation monies. Discussion. Doug moves to give the \$1,000 we have designated for charitable donations to the staff at Madison Elementary. Second. All in favor.
- Tile project discussion. Doug moves to approve the tile project which will take place after the May 1st auction. (Note. There was a misunderstanding on who would coordinate this. After discussion with Ryan, the decision was made by the president to allow Ryan to offer it to the incoming fifth grade class as an outdoor education fundraiser for next year's expenses.
- The Budget Committee met on Sunday, March 21, 2010. Those that attended were Amy, Karlyn, Jeanne, Tiffin, Randy and Noha. At the end of the meeting, they had a balance to work with for next year.
- Mid-year survey results presented.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30. A short study party convened immediately after to review survey responses.