



School Council Meeting
December 14, 2009

Minutes

Respectfully Submitted by Brian Murphey

Attendance:

Rajnish Singh, Principal – **Present**
Nancy Jester, Chair, Parent - **Present**
Robert Clayton, Teacher - **Absent**
Robert Thien, Parent – **Present**
Donica Johnson, Teacher - **Present**
John Oselette, Parent - **Present**
Brian Murphey, Parent – **Present**

Guests:

Jolie Nolf, PTA Co-President
Tony Tiberia, PTA Co-President
Corintha Story, FSC
John Davis, FSC
Ivonne Castaneda, FSC
Luci Chatlman, FSC

The meeting was called to order at 7:15AM by Nancy Jester. Nancy distributed copies of the agenda. The items below are a summary of the events of the meeting and are not necessarily in order.

Guests recognized

Minutes from meeting held on 11-10-09 approved by unanimous consent

Principals Report:

- Most absences and tardiness recently are due to illness
- Four more Promethean boards have been ordered so now every classroom on the upper hall will have one except the Pre-K class.
- Book for library: Bridgett Bassett has volunteered to write a grant to obtain funding for books. Also, the PTA has provided \$800 for books to be ordered.
- Volunteer sign-in has been implemented at the front desk to help in tracking.
- Hired two new para-professionals: One for 5th grade and one for 3rd grade.
- Rosetta Stone Spanish language program is now installed on every computer in the classrooms and computer lab.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Steering Committee (FSC):

- Have most of the committee members
- Trying to find another parent member.
- Robert contracted Portman Architects (the original architect for the school), but they declined to serve on the committee.
- Trying to get someone from Emory. Mr Singh suggested contacting Margaret Lesesgne at Emory.
- Foundation goals were discussed. Mr Singh put forth some priorities and ideas he has for the foundation:
 - Promethean board in every classroom
 - Help address the growing student population
 - Work alongside the PTA in partnership
 - Provide professional development and training opportunities to the staff
 - Capital improvements to the building that won't be covered by the county – architectural improvements to the library windows to bring more light into the space, for example.
 - Serve as a repository for unused PTA funds at the end of the year (PTA must spend it money within a year) so we don't loose the funds.
- Robert Thien stated that he is trying to put together a diverse steering committee to bring new ideas to the table.
- Several people reiterated that the foundation would handle long term goals and capital expenditures. The PTA would continue in its current role of funding short term goals and school activities.

Lunchroom Committee:

- Cavicide is now being used as the cleaning solution for tables.
- Rags are no longer used
- Adult monitors are following up after kids who do cleaning
- Mr Singh will meet with the Committee members to discuss their recommendations further.

New Business:

Public meetings about the foundation:

- First meeting to be held on Tuesday December 15th, open to all parents.
- The agenda for the meeting was discussed. Nancy was putting this together.
- Highlights of discussion:
 - Mr. Davis: There should be 2 clear mission statements developed – one for the PTA and one for the Foundation
 - Ms Johnson suggested bullet points for each (PTA and Foundation) to help elaborate on the mission statement.

- Mr Singh indicated that there must be a time frame for the public discussions. It can't be an endless process.

Recess:

- There is now an unconditional recess policy in place. Withholding recess can no longer be used as a consequence for bad behavior or anything else.
- The county has told Mr Singh that they need to re-grade the Kaboom playground before they can re-mulch. This may not take place until spring break.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Nancy recommends that we establish a high achiever retention committee.
- Highlights of the discussion:
 - Put info on website showing/demonstrating classroom instruction
 - Have public sessions to highlight instruction methods and teacher qualifications.

Meeting was adjourned.

-End of minutes-