



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 5<sup>th</sup> grade and one for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-