

Richard Bennett PTSA 2.3.22
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

I. Sign In

II. Call to Order

Kristin Nash called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Proper notice was given to members. A quorum was present.

III. President's Welcome

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2010. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Auction expenses over budget by \$1,250, due to credit card and heating expenses. \$11,000 more was raised over goal, but cost more this year to process credit cards.
A motion was made and seconded to raise the budget expense "credit cards" line item to \$1,200. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.
- b. PTSA has a lot of cash in the bank. Lynne Daugherty made a suggestion that we put \$140,000 in a no risk CD (.45%), leaving \$60,000.
Can be withdrawn after 7 days, no fees, two signatures needed.
No motion made. All agreed.
- c. A brief review of the general budget occurred. Note to encourage teachers to spend their money before school year end.
- d. *Jump ahead to "New Business, a. Reconciliation of additional funds" (see outline further down in agenda).*
\$38,000 (part of \$43,250 PTSA donated and budgeted for Certified Instructional Support-Mrs. Wing) is sitting in a school district account. Due to a student enrollment increase at Bennett, approx. .45 of Mrs. Wing's .50 position is now being covered by the district. Options of how to proceed are listed below, under "a. Reconciliation of additional funds"
A motion was made and seconded to discuss "option ii. Write an addendum to the contract submitted last year that acknowledges the change in purpose, and either defines a new purpose, or requests that the money be held until further direction from PTA." Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

Daveen Cordell and Nicole Hepworth presented a verbal proposal of new purpose for \$30,000 of the funds:

Daveen –

- 1st grade – increase classroom level books (fill in what was not raised at auction) \$250
- Meg Mylan (Kind.) – rug for classroom \$_____
- 3rd grade – Geology Bob \$200
- Mrs. Shol (P.E.) – 14-15 scooters upgraded \$450
- Mr. Elms (4th grade) – guided reading books, social studies and science \$1,250
- 5th grade – focus walls, middle school dictionaries, grade level books \$_____
- Mr. Drugge (5th grade) – science equipment, novels, starting off books \$_____

Nicole –

- 4 more document cameras (art, music, library, ?) \$1,600
- 25 digital voice recorders \$750
- Copy machine for work room \$9,946
- Misc. work room supplies (paper cutter, staplers, pencil sharpeners, etc.) \$500
- Dreambox online math program for primary K-2 (start in Sept., like IXL Math already purchased for 3-4th grade) \$_____
- Resource library for teachers and students (like Enatai Elem., provides additional materials to help kids who are behind or ahead) \$_____

Taxes of \$_____

A total figure of \$25,800 was given, plus 10%+ for tax=rounded up to \$30,000.

Aaron Coe proposed an idea of purchasing ipads for the school for student use. Cost per ipad=\$499
This idea was tabled.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Auction

Thanks went out to all who helped with the auction. Gross revenue totaled over \$82,000. Survey results (see attached) revealed no shockers.

Some results:

- Keep it casual
- Overwhelming support of keeping our fundraising engine to 2 events (walkathon and auction)
- Most want to keep class projects

Question raised as to whether or not to have an auction next year or skip a year?

- b. Multicultural Night
Scheduled for Friday, April 18th
- c. Science Week/Night – Aaron Coe
 - i. outreach planned-some same, some new
 - ii. 5th grade possible trip to Pacific Science Center, Star Wars exhibit, being worked out
 - iii. Science Night food-historically been a fund raiser for the 4th grade w/ pizza and salad; still will be a fundraiser, but looking at Veraci Pizza and/or Dante's Inferno Dogs, plus Jamba Juice; also looking into a vegetarian option
- d. Walkathon
Hilary Ohara announced that Ingrid Goodman will be the new Walkathon Chair for 2011-2012
- e. Nominating Committee – Ingrid Goodman
Few people volunteering on their own. Slate of executive committee officers will need to be posted by April 30th. Vote will take place at the next General Membership Meeting on May 10th. Kristin Nash would like to continue another year as president, w/without a Co-Pres.
Lara Little would like to continue another year as secretary. Discussion occurred as to who might fill in remaining open positions.
- f. Curriculum Enhancement Committee
Met Friday with Cherry Crest. In April, each grade level parent rep. will meet with respective team; meet again in Aug./Sept.

VII. Old Business

- a. IslandWood
Next year's committee meeting is next week.
- b. Bellevue School Board Policy No. 1460
 - i. committee still meeting
 - ii. somewhat related, a letter from Superintendent, Dr. Amalia Cudeiro was sent out to Friday, March 4th (see attached) explaining that current curriculum department positions will be dissolved and new instructional technology curriculum positions (primarily school based; one person per school) will be offered and funded with capital project funds.

VIII. New Business

a. *Reconciliation of additional funds*

Three options on the table:

- i. Refund the money to PTSA
- ii. Write an addendum to the contract submitted last year that acknowledges the change in purpose, and either defines a new purpose, or requests that the money be held until further direction from PTA
- iii. Write an addendum to the contract submitted last year that acknowledges the change in purpose, and grants permission to use the funds at the discretion of the principal. They could ask that the use be reported back to PTA in a timely manner

A motion was made and seconded to amend the contract submitted last year (referencing \$43,250 for Certified Instructional Support) to define a new purpose for \$38,000, the unused portion of the funds. \$30,000 to be used for the above listed items presented by Daveen Cordell and Nicole Hepworth, not including the resource library; \$8,000 to be refunded back to the PTSA in the form of a check. One vote “against”; remaining “for”. Motion passed.

Note: Aaron Coe requested that we should have written documentation of the proposed items from Nicole Hepworth and Daveen Cordell. *See attached documents received after the meeting.*

b. 2011-2012 Budget

Brian and Lynne Daugherty, Aaron Coe, and Vanessa Harder will be meeting regarding next year’s budget and report at the next Board Meeting

c. Academic Challenge

Kristin Nash proposed a new idea for the school-a year long challenge in areas of science, art, P.E., culture, for example, represented in Olympic style rings. Assembly and trophies to those who’ve earned. Would not need much funding, but would need someone to chair the event.

d. Other possible New Ideas

- i. Read-a-thon
- ii. Volunteer service night
- iii. Back to School Kick Off (e.g. Ice Cream Social)
idea would be to take the place of the Welcome Tea

e. Lunchtime parent volunteers

Nikki Vanoni expressed that there have been complaints from parents and students about lunch time at school. Suggestion that maybe a parent volunteer group be put in place to assist? Nicole Hepworth will take back for discussion and readdress at the next Board Meeting.

- f. Friday Flyer on PTSA website?
Discussion of whether or not to archive Friday Flyer on the PTSA website. Determined not necessary.

IX. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote to approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.