

**Explorer Elementary  
Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2008**

- Attendance: Meghan Bach, Kelly Moore, Nadi Ovanessoff, Tina Remley, Vicky Ross, Kathy Saucedo, Reita Sebert, Kim Soltero, Tracy Wilkinson, Jana Fortune, M. Nettles, Anna Jimenez
- Minutes:
  - Carol Mead moved to approve.
  - Jana Fortune seconded.
- Budget Report:
  - Third Grade did not get the photography grant this year. They are collecting donations of \$50 per family for the program. Tracy added a new line item for the fund.
  - The sound system is being priced.
  - Tracy paid the VISA machine rental.
  - Tracy paid the \$10,000 for the technology fund to buy document cameras for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - All returned checks have been entered as a loss.
- Board Report:
  - A committee was formed to investigate the possibility of creating an endowment.
  - The state budget was discussed.
    - There may be a mid year cut and definitely a 2-3% cut next year.
    - Teacher salaries in the district were increased 4% and Explorer has to keep up with the salary increases.
  - Annual Appeal – we have \$60,000 pledged of the \$130,000 needed.
- Art From the Heart – Reita Sebert:
  - First newsletter is ready to go out.
  - The teacher meeting was positive.
  - Art From the Heart will be on April 26, at school from 6:30 – 11:30.
  - Mason Jars with one flat side needed (317).
  - Teacher Outings will be done differently this year.
    - There will be a raffle for the outings with one entry per child at a flat fee per entry.
  - The school wide projects are going well.
- Kelly Moore:
  - Grandparents Day and the Book Fair will not be at the same time.
  - Book Fair will start February 25.
    - Theme is Book Fair Blizzard.
    - Nadi Ovanessoff is doing the decorations.
    - There will be a Tuesday night event at school with food and refreshments.
    - Kelly Moore, Karen Machado and Lindsay Grubensky are co-chairs.

- Kid's Corp is coming to Explorer.
    - Volunteer service opportunities for children and parents.
    - Kelly Moore, Kathy Saucedo and Jana Fortune are attending training sessions.
- Liberty Station for Education-Vicki Ross:
  - Taking place March 5.
  - Cris Anderson is coordinating.
  - Volunteers are needed
- Jill Green:
  - Three of Explorer's teachers are attending the California Association of Gifted Learning conference.
  - New parent orientation is in March.
  - Explorer representatives are attending Kindergarten recruitment meetings at area schools.
  - Parent conferences and progress reports are in February.
  - Paula Rothschild presented at the last Board meeting.
  - In an ongoing effort to document what makes Explorer special and unique, Patrick Hayman, High Tech's webmaster, has created a resource center on the web showing projects going on in Explorer classrooms.
  - We have instructional assistants to shadow special needs children in Kindergarten, third, fourth and fifth grades. These assistants are also helping the other children in these classrooms as well and are wonderful assets to the program.
- Meeting Adjourned.