

**Explorer Elementary
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2007**

- Attendance: Cris Anderson, Kathy Brightman, Erica Lund-Anastasakis, Nadi Ovanessoff, Elaine Provencher, Holly Raley, Kathy Saucedo, Reita Sebert, Kim Soltero, Tracy Wilkinson, Patricia Young, Jana Fortune, Patty Bruffey, Anna Jimenez, Jean Kluver, Zoltan Sarda
- Minutes:
 - Kathy Saucedo moved to approve.
 - Tracy Wilkinson seconded.
- Kim Soltero:
 - Thanks to Richard Freeman for Dad's Day. It was great.
 - Thanks to Lisa Ferguson – the Gift Cards cleared \$908.
 - Thanks to Carol Mead and Cris Anderson – the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was much appreciated.
 - Carol Mead is the new Co-President and will take over when Kim leaves. We now need a new Volunteer Coordinator. Nadi Ovanessoff is stepping in starting in January.
 - Erica Lund-Anastasakis motioned to approve Nadi for Volunteer Coordinator.
 - Jana Fortune seconded the motion.
- Cris Anderson:
 - Could use help with the Business Directory – needs someone to make calls for renewals.
 - Liberty Station for Education is March 5. Cris is attending the tenant meetings and they are excited.
- Art From the Heart – Reita Sebert:
 - April 26 at Explorer from 6:30 – 11:30.
 - Kathy Saucedo is chairing the acquisitions committee.
 - Acquisition letters are ready to go out and will be mailed the second week in January.
 - Invitations, Location and Colors are all done.
 - Newsletters and fliers will come out at the beginning of the year.
 - Baskets needed.
 - Mason Jars with one flat side needed (317).
- Budget Report:
 - Gift Cards made \$908.
 - Gift Wrap – Kim Weinstein needs to get the money to Tracy Wilkinson.
 - Tracy asked to upgrade our bank status to get stop payment fees waived. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea.
 - We are going to try to do another Dad's Day in April. We have enough in the budget.

- Erica Lund-Anastasakis:
 - EEPCC website is being updated.
 - We are adding a link to the school's web mail in the password protected area along with reimbursement forms.
 - We are adding web mail instructions and the bylaws.
- Kelly Moore:
 - An average of 16 families per classroom contributed to classroom funds.
- Board Report:
 - There was no regular board meeting this month.
 - The next meeting is the first week in January.
 - Working on the Annual Appeal. Participation is low so far.
- Principal's Report – Zoltan Sarda:
 - We have 500 applicants so far this year. Last year we had 1300 total.
 - A huge appreciation goes out to Cindy Jensen Elliott for taking over the garden.
 - Zoltan's Dads and Moms nights are going well. Another is on the way at the beginning of the year. We are trying to get the schedule out to make sure that people know about them.
 - The Teacher Appreciation activities are wonderful this year and are much appreciated.
 - The inservice at the beginning of the year dealt with Depth and Complexity. The teachers will be writing informational feedback to tell us how they are using Depth and Complexity in the curriculum.
 - Ashley Carrico and Carlisa Endoso are both working on Master's degrees. They are using Depth and Complexity as Master's projects.
- New Business:
 - Donna Gardinier would like to see more patriotic activities in our classrooms. Possibly flags in the classrooms. Saying the Pledge of Allegiance. As a military community, we should be doing more.
 - Zoltan brought up that what Explorer does in the classroom is to develop thinking skills about how we are in the world. He promised to bring it up at the next staff meeting.
 - Jean Kløver stated that Jill supports each teacher's passion. Different teachers do different things.
 - When school is closed can we offer Extended Care?
 - Possibly with parent participation?
 - Let's find out what other schools do.
 - Possibly camp until noon and aftercare until 5:00?
 - Jean Kløver: The Grandparent letter went out reminding them about Annual Appeal as well as Grandparents Day on Friday, February 22, running from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.
- Meeting Adjourned.