

Explorer Elementary Charter School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Attendance: Amy Bridges, Jana Fortune, Gladys Garcia, Kelly Gralewski, Jill Green, Therese Hymer, Anna Jimenez, Jean Kluver, Tonya Larabee, Erica Lund-Anastasakis, Reita Sebert, Tracy Wilkinson, Kelly Williams, Teresa Zucchet, and Margaret Egler

**Agenda Item #1: March Minutes Approval**

1. Wendy Hutchison moved and Tracy Wilkinson seconded approval of March 16, 2010 minutes. Approved.

**Agenda Item #2: Principal's Report**

**Report by Jill Green**

1. San Diego Unified Charter Review was highly complimentary.
2. Working on new teaching strategies for second-language learners – especially in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. Board conducted in-depth review of Jill.
4. Staff meeting focused on scaffolding research skills. Diane Hawke and Karen Feitelberg will head up new techniques.
5. Teacher interviews for new Third Grade teacher. Gretchen Gillingham and Teresa Zucchet are assisting in the process.
6. Play was a big success.
7. Talent Show is very affirming and comes about thanks to Becky Frost.
8. Board/Faculty Session on envisioning Explorer's future through hopes and dreams. Margaret Egler to facilitate.
9. Budget forecast is good thanks to fundraising and no anticipated budget cuts.
10. Parent Education has been great thanks to Teresa Zucchet and Zoltan Sarda.
11. Lottery is complete. The waiting list is numbered but more weight for underrepresented zip codes.
12. All Kindergarten students have accepted.
13. Will look at class list next week.

**Agenda Item # 3: Outside the Lens**

1. **Motion** = Wendy Hutchison moved and Therese Hymer seconded the allocation of \$4,000 to assist funding of Outside of the Lens for 2010-2011. Approved.

**Agenda Item #4: Art from the Heart Update**

**Report by Reita Sebert**

1. Results:
  - a. Net projected \$68,000.
  - b. Attendance was 290. In 2009, there were 300. There were a lot of late RSVPs.
  - c. Auction acquisitions were on par with previous years.
  - d. Bookmarks were donated by an Explorer family.
  - e. Wine cellar only brought in ½ revenue of previous years.

- f. Sponsorships increased by \$3,000.
  - g. Decorations cost a bit more because flowers had to be purchased due to the rain.
  - h. Wine was purchased at the 5 cent sale at BevMore.
  - i. Food was donated as tasting.
  - j. Invitation costs were up this year but so were donations.
2. Issues:
- a. Costs will increase. In 2012, Reita's discounts will no longer be available.
  - b. Equipment costs will go up.
  - c. Hard to keep communications consistent.
  - d. Need to hold yard sale of old AFTH stuff: centerpieces, ribbons, vases.

**Agenda Item #5: Budget Update**

**Report by Tracy Wilkinson**

- 1. Fundraising exceeded expectations:
  - a. AFTH = \$68,000
  - b. Jog-a-thon = \$24,000
  - c. Pizza = \$12,000

**Agenda Item #6: Slate**

**Report by Anna Jimenez**

- 1. Nominating slate for 2010-2011 was presented. Self nominations open until May 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Margaret Egler  
Recording Secretary

Anna Jimenez  
President