

Explorer Elementary Charter School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

2:10 p.m.

- Attendance: Cindy Borkum, Jana Fortune, Gretchen Gillingham, Jill Green, Wendy Hutchison, Therese Hymer, Anna Jimenez, Jean Kliver, Erica Lund-Anastasakis, Nadi Ovanessoff, Jenna Price, Vicky Ross, Tracy Wilkinson, and Margaret Egler

Agenda Item #1: Minutes Approval

1. Wendy Hutchison moved to approve the 5.5.09 Parent Council Minutes; Gretchen Gillingham seconded. Approved.

Agenda Item # 2: Square One Art

Report by Cindy Borkum

1. Children draw pictures that are made into a variety of high quality items for purchase.
2. Teachers and volunteers would complete pieces before 10.1.09.
3. 33% profit to school.
4. Would replace gift wrap and art cards.
5. Budget would be \$2,000.

Agenda Item #3: Appreciations

Report by Anna Jimenez

1. Thank you to Erica Lund-Anastasakis for the beautiful website.
2. Thank you to Jana Fortune and Lisa Stevenson for the lovely Volunteer Breakfast.
3. Thank you to Michelle Dykstra, Nancy Phillips, and David Kobrinetz for the great Teacher Appreciation luncheon.
4. Thank you to Jenna Price for making Everyone A Reader so successful.
5. Thank you to Medy Wundrow for the wonderful Yearbook.
6. Thank you to Heather and Jason Jasner for the hours they put into the 5th grade graduation video.

Agenda Item #4: Principal Update

Report by Jill Green

1. School Lunch Catering Change:
 - a. Sad phone call to Michel at French Gourmet to stop using their catering for school lunches.
 - b. Happy that Jesse and Tess Brown (Explorer Parents), owners of Banyan Catering, will take over school lunches. They will charge \$3.50, including paper goods.
2. Charter Renewal:
 - a. Passed with a 5-year renewal.
 - b. Laura McBane at HTH did a great job guiding us through the Board of Education process.
 - c. District has increased the rigor of the review.
3. Graduation:
 - a. 72 children will graduate tomorrow.

- b. End of Year Celebration will be on Friday.

Agenda Item #5: Board Update

Report by Jean Kluver

1. Budget news is grim.
2. Independent Study Policy was approved. All parents should be aware of "school contracts" for absences. There will be training on this for teachers and communication of the policy to parents.

Agenda Item #6: Skate Night

1. Jill has concerns about injuries at Skate Night.
 - a. Need better monitoring for safety and behavior.
 - b. There shouldn't be such risk at a school-sponsored event.
2. Anna Jimenez recommends getting a waiver and designating Skate Night adult monitors. Would like to give it another year.

Agenda Item #7: Camera for Yearbook

1. **Issue:** Use profit from Yearbook to purchase high-quality camera.
 - a. Medy Wundrow will assist Michelle Hackney for Yearbook and recommends purchasing a camera.
 - b. Elisa Thomson may have recommendations.
2. **Resolved:** Buy new camera for Yearbook volunteer.

Agenda Item #8: Bylaws Amendment

1. **Issue:** A new Webmaster position on the Executive Parent Council expands the number of officers beyond the 11 enumerated in the bylaws.
2. **Motion:** Wendy Hutchison moved to amend the bylaws to expand the number of officers to 12.
3. **Approved**

Agenda Item #9: Executive Parent Council Slate

1. Anna Jimenez opened the floor for additional nominations. None submitted.
2. **Motion:** Approve the slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee.
3. **Approved**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Margaret Egler
Recording Secretary

Anna Jimenez
President