

Minutes for March 10, 2009 Parent Association Meeting
Grade School Campus – Music Room 7-9 pm

Attending: Cindy Scheyer, Neave Karger-Megenhardt, Carolyn Cox, Ruth Hendry, Cindy Scobee, Maria Galvao, Natalie Steiner, Kristen Hammerback, Geraldine Kline

Welcome

May Faire report – Neave is working on the May Faire with Shelly McSweyn. Discussed having the Parent Association table & tent set up to promote May Faire and recruit volunteers. Neave and Shelly will also be visiting parent evenings to sign up parents for each event.

Team Reports:

New Parent Outreach - Nancy & Cindy Scobee – They are focusing on an event to welcome the new buddy families for the next school year. They are working on this with Meg Petty. The event is planned for Sunday, May 10th.

Farmer's Market Team - Natalie & Maria – An evening event is planned to let SWS parents learn more about the farmer's market and find out ways they can volunteer if they choose to. SWS All School Community Meeting, Mar 23rd 7pm Huckleberry Hall – Tim Love will present. Social hour from 7-7:15pm.

Social Team – Cheryl Smith - meets Thurs, March 12th, 8:15am – Will be planning a parent outing for the spring and start planning the first day of school social.

New Business:

Accreditation (AWSNA and PNAIS) – Geraldine has asked the Parent Association to conduct a survey of the parent body on an annual basis, preferably each spring. Kristen Hammerback let us know she would be glad to meet with us and help draft a survey for the school. She does this for a living so she is an expert in our midst! Kristen, Geraldine, Cindy Scheyer & Neave will meet March 18th at 8:15am to discuss.

Parent Association Kiosk - A motion was made which was seconded and approved for the Parent Association to design, fund and build a community kiosk for the grade school grounds. Coordination will take place with Tim Love and the school administration. Geraldine has agreed that this is ok as long as the design and location are approved by her in consultation with Tim Love. These minutes are the formal request to Geraldine that we would like to move forward with this and hopefully have the kiosk built by the beginning of school 2009.

End-of-year All School Picnic – Cindy Scheyer reserved the site - June 12th at Meridian Playground – rain shelter is reserved from 3pm on. The entire school is invited. It will be the same as last year where each family brings their own picnic dinner, chairs, blankets, games, etc. A good time was had by all last year.

Grandparents Day – Carolyn Cox is planning this event which is on Friday, April 3rd from 9am – 1pm. Invitations are ready to be mailed out. She needs 6 more volunteers (no jeans!) to help lead tours, greet the guests and bake goodies for the morning coffee.

Recommitment Days – Natalie Steiner – she collected quite a lot of parent skills surveys and the data will be entered into the school database so that next year it can be printed off and changes made more easily.

Parent Association Officers – The position of Board Secretary is still available. Shelly will talk with Niz about heading up the Scrip program (and possibly other development ideas for the Parent Association). The Parent Association bank account has been set up.

SWS Auction Follow-Up – Carolyn Cox – The auction raised approximately \$30,000 and it was also a great social event for the parents. The appreciation aspect of the auction created a lot of good will and it was a good community builder.

More New Business Discussion:

SWS Board – We discussed the interest of the parents to learn more about what the board is working on. There is a request for more transparency with the board. Geraldine suggested that we draft a letter to the board and suggest some ways that would help us learn more.

There was also a request to have another '**All School Meeting**' at the beginning of next school year. Wed, September 16th was given as a possible date.

Volunteering

We discussed the volunteering among the Parent Body and if there is a clear expectation at registration and enrollment that they are committing to a community and the community is as vibrant as the Parent Body. Kristen Hammerback clearly remembers being this 9 years ago when they joined the school. We discussed how to clearly convey this expectation again. We intend to have an abundance of volunteer opportunities and an abundance of volunteers.

Next Parent Association Meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2009