



BOD Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2009

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:15am by PTSA President Sue Ung. Attendance sheet attached.

Introductions

Janet Supps, President of the Bellevue Council

Approval of October 15, 2009 BOD's Meeting Minutes (available on Website)

Ruth Raskind made the motion to approval the October 15, 2009 BOD Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Audrey Scallon; Vote: 12 Yes/0 No; motion passed with the following corrections/change on Page 3: Memberships: Removal of "From 274 families".

Call for Amendments to Agenda -- NONE

Levy Report by Janet Supps, Bellevue Council President

Ms. Suups discussed the upcoming February 9 election. There will be 2 levies on the ballot: 1) Maintenance/Operations (2010) and 2) Technology (2011 star of year). They are for "Preserving Quality Schools" and are trying not to lose ground. If they don't pass it will be a big setback which would include a 20% reduction to the already low operating budget. Basically, it will be 3x as bad as last year if it doesn't pass. Complete details can be found at Bellevuequalityschools.com and a flyer will be forwarded to Sue. We can only post facts on flyers, the website or any material we send home through the kids. The council requested a \$200 donation which is the amount recommended for all PTAs. Levies are renewed every four years on a rotation basis. A statistic: 70% of voters don't have kids in schools. There will be phone banks starting at the end January and the Beginning of February to gain support for them.

Motion #1: Somerset Elementary endorses the 2 Bellevue school levies in the February 2010 election and will donate \$00 to the Bellevue Quality Schools Organization as budgeted. Motion generated by Judy Mercer; 2nd: Ruth Raskind. Vote All Yes/ Motion Passed.

Principal's Report

Sue Snyder's Report

- Currently there are 49 students from grades 1-3: 16 first (3 groups), 20 Ssecond (4 groups) and 13 Third (2 groups). There is an ongoing assessment and their participation is based in part on the 3D reading assessment.
- Most 1st graders are barely below level (Currently B, Normal C). There is more of a deficit in the 2nd grade (Currently most are E&G, Normal I). The 3rd garde is just below (Most L&M, Normal N).

- They are not spending time on the IEP students at this time as they are getting support elsewhere. They are serving “tweeners” currently for the numbers needing help.
- If the need develops for the IEP students for a double dose, Betty will bring it to the PTSA’s attention.
- The hope is that most/all will not need help next year if they get the appropriate time this year.

Facilitator’s Pay

The second ½ of the Facilitator’s fee is due to the District by December. They will need to offer Sue a new contract before the current contract expires and they need to have the money in hand before this can happen.

Math Magic

Ms. Houston and Ms. Wright. They are currently in the first session on Math Facts for the 4th and 5th graders. They have 16-20 kids and some students didn’t need to stay for the whole session. The next session is on Problem solving and will start in January. Spring staffing not yet determined. Selection should be made by December.

Book Fair

Kathy F in charge of the book fair November 30 – December 2. Wednesday Night is Family Night, on December 2, Kyle & Groot will be here to talk. Teacher preview day, they will generate their wishlists. There will also be a wishlist for the bookroom which Jen Sedar will write up. Grace will distribute these lists to the Room Parents for distribution so that the parents can keep those in mind and may purchase books for these if they don’t purchase any for their kids. In addition, at checkout there will be the option to donate to the class level. Carrie Cable, Francine and Kathy to work together prior to letter going out. Reusies will also be available to buy at the fair.

Report Cards

- Report cards will be sent out December 2 – 7. Ms. Kirshling will be done prior due to leave issues.

December 8 Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 9:15am in Room 215 which will include: Format for grading, Internet viewer review, Standards, Comments, and Support at home. Issues such as the upgraded system, Weblinks and passwords will also be discussed. Note: The passwords will not be published online but are in the library. There are subscriptions available.

President’s Report

Front Office Volunteers

Muriel will make a volunteer office help list and Colleen will send an email to the Room Parents when it is ready.

Fall Party

During the classroom parties it was noticed that not all of the safety guidelines are being followed which puts the kids at risk. A copy of the guidelines were distributed (attached). They will be forwarded to the Room parents and volunteers for future gatherings. This will also be added to the Room Parent Responsibilities.

Volunteer Training

It was mentioned that there had not been a formal training session for the new volunteers. Betty Hannaford will schedule it and Ruth Raskind will help with the training.

Copy Center

District Copy Center costs have gone up from last year. For example, a single sheet has gone up from 6¢ to 7¢, ½ sheet is now 7¢, double sided is 5¢ to 6¢.

BSF

The BSF awarded 3 grants this year which included \$400 for Geogoly Bob for the 3rd graders. Thank you to Kathy for her work on the grants.

Treasurer's Report

In Jeff's absence, Sue Ung reported.

Chess Club

Currently 33 members. \$1,703.68 has been added to the budget.

Financial report (Report Attached)

Budget

PHD Program \$1050. The childcare is under the grant to the school. Stephaine to be paid directly from school which Cathy will verify with Muriel. Sue and Cathy will discuss further and follow-up.

Check Requests

| | Motion/2 nd | Vote |
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| 1. Entertainment Publications Inc., \$3,765. (our portion to pay). | Ruth Raskind/Cathy Menon | 0/No; Passed |
| 2. David Hendricks; \$2,805. | Ruth Raskind/Cathy Menon | 0/No; Passed |
| 3. Neil Salmon, \$1,440. | Ruth Raskind/Cathy Menon | 0/No; Passed |
| 4. AIM, \$650. Up \$100 to include Fidelity Bond \$100,000 to cover current funds in the bank. Does not include Professional Liability. Research into adding it to our coverage, get quotes. | Audrey Scallon/Ruth Raskind | 0/No; Passed |
| 5. Jeff & Ellen Schoonover/Chess Club; \$505.58 | Ruth Raskind/Audrey Scallon | 0/No; Passed |
| 6. Somerset Elementary School; \$20,325. | Audrey Scallon/Ruth Raskind | 0/No; Passed |
| 7. Math Magic; \$5,500 (1 st ½) | Grace Campbell/Ruth Raskind | 0/No; Passed |

Committee Reports

Memberships

2 new memberships. Currently: 585 members (286 households, 27 teachers), 589 students so we are still short of the 100%.

Directory

Amelia and Mechelle are close to having them out for proofing. They are anticipating about 1 week for turn around.

Games and More Enrichment (GAME)

Event is tonight at 6pm. Anyone available to help would be appreciated.

Walk-A-Thon

Everyone who helped – Thank you! There are still lanyard and T-shirts available. They would like to sell them at the GAME event. Audrey will write up an eBlast announcing that they are still available for \$3 (lanyards) and \$6 (T-shirts) until 12/15. The winning classes for the most money raised are Mr. Brown's and Mrs. Evans'.

PHD

There were 35 who signed in for the Writing Workshop. It seemed more like 40+ in attendance. There were 10-12 children in child care. The next couple of events are: December 14 when a Psychologist will be discussing bullying and on January 14 will be discussion about the GET program.

Somerset Matters

Next meeting will be in about a month. If there are any concerns please bring them to our attention.

Snow Sports

The deadline has passed. There is still room on the bus if anyone is interested. They are not turning anyone away until the bus is full. There are approximately 25 students enrolled including some students from other schools. The maximum allowed is 35.

Old Business

Working Committee for 5 elements

Currently setting up a meeting to discuss the 2 issues with the Standing Rules and additional recommendations. They will be working out all of the scenarios before presenting it to the BOD and General Meetings. The work on the EC and BOD organization changes need to be finalized before the new officer elections.

Next Meeting

➤ December 9th @ 7:00pm during the Holiday Celebration at Sue Ung's House

Sue Ung adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm

Report submitted by Colleen Allison, PTSA Secretary

Attachments (Filed with minutes):

- 1. Sign-in Sheet**
- 2. Financial Handout (6 pages)**
- 3. Copy of Guildelines for Volunteers**
- 4. Motion 1: Somerset Endorses February Levies for \$200**
- 5. Motion 2: List of Checks/Request**