



McNear Elementary PTA/ELAC Minutes
September 1, 2009
6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Christine Sims	Toby Doyle
Renee Barbour	Kendall Abramson
Dusti Fisher	Susan Adams
Rachel Asch	Ingrid Tuchband
Kristie Hulquist	Sannon stearns
Woo Dhanasuuthorn	Fernanda Caricino
Marle Mato	Jennifer Dunbar
Maris A. Rubio	Judy Sovel
Alyse Breece	Donnie Dak
Jennifer Soper	Dave Harris
Tena Jackson	Shawna Fross
Jason Fross	Laticia Pena
Ian Citti	Sheldon Bermont
Eric Poehlmann	Karen Poehlmann
Brandi Gordon	Yasmin Ghaznavi
Richard Marzo	Nicole Marzo
Josh Morris	Anita Morris
Gary Hegenbart	Dana Weitzenberg
Robin Bisgaard	Audrey Coniglio
Marleene Hecker	Dan Deardorff
Jennifer Mattox	Luigi Resta
Nancy Cordova	Taffy O'Neill
Maureen Gottschall	Antionette Butts
Silvia Alonzo	Abelardo Ayala Anaya
Bart Williams	Michelle Zedell
Anne Digges	Susan Cook
Christi Reynolds	Tricia DeCarli
Jason Sutter	

I. Guest speaker Jason Sutter

There is a student to teacher ration shortfall in the primary grades and we are overstaffed by one. The district and the teachers' union negotiated a 22 student average with a 25 student cap for grades K-3. Mr. Boyce is a temporary teacher. There is a district board meeting Wednesday September 2 and the board will make its final decision

whether to let Mr. Boyce go. If he goes, his class will be reconfigured Tuesday after Labor Day

II. Call to Order – **ACTION Christi Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.**

III. Introductions - **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

IV. Approval of June 2, 2009 minutes – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Gary Hegenbart motioned to approve the minutes and Antionette Butts seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.

V. Teacher Representative – Katherine Wuopio was introduced

VI. Back to School Night Fair – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Back to School night will be Thursday, September 10. PTA board members asked PTA members to help disperse information about the PTA in the cluster on Back to School Night.

VII. Volunteer Updates/Needs – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Gary Hegenbart and Brandi Gordon are sending home volunteer forms with students so parents can choose an area where they would like to volunteer. The forms will also be posted on the website.

VIII. Carnival – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Antionette Butts is coordinating the Harvest Carnival. It will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 11-3. Volunteers are needed to work at the various booths. Raffle items will be donated by the classrooms and each classroom will have a theme. Parents can donate items or money to help fill the baskets. This is a major fundraiser for the PTA.

IX. Treasurer's Report – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Antionette reviewed the PTA 2009-2010 budget. SHAKE previously made a donation of \$3,000 to fund the PE specialist but we no longer have a PE specialist. The money may be spent elsewhere to fill that gap in PE. Anita Morris volunteered to be Box Top Coordinator. Jennifer Mattox volunteered to be EScrip coordinator. Gille Hegenbart and Nicole Marzo previously coordinated a separate scrip gift card fundraiser but it only made \$200. They will be asked to see if this effort is worthwhile and/or to modify the program. **Tricia**

DeCarli motioned to approve the budget. Sheldon Bermont seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.

X. Performing Arts – update

Taffy O’Neil stated that the fall upper class show will be a High School Musical theme and the spring lower grades show will be based on Alice in Wonderland. Taffy requested \$10,000 from PTA to fund the performing arts program. The program is self-sustaining but funnels the money through the PTA for ease of facilitating check writing and to make it a PTA sponsored event for insurance purposes. **Gary Hegenbart moved to approve release \$10,000 to finance the performing arts program. Antionette Butts seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.** Practices will be Tuesdays from 3-5 and Wednesdays from 1-3. The shows will be Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21.

XI. Upcoming events

Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, September 25 at 6:30 in the cluster. **Gary Hegenbart made a motion to approve the Ice Cream Social, the Harvest Carnival and Back to School night and allow them on the PTA calendar. Antionette Butts seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously. Gary Hegenbart made a motion to approve release of \$5,000 to finance the fall carnival. Antionette Butts seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.**

XII. Open Discussion – **DISCUSSION**

There was a discussion about how items get onto the PTA budget. It was suggested that the PTA board approves the budget and any areas of consideration should be brought to their attention. It was also suggested that Friends of McNear does a great deal of fundraising for the school and that organization is a part of the decision making process of where those funds are spent. Parents were urged to become active in Friends of McNear to become part of the process. The next Friends of McNear meeting has not yet been scheduled. Friends of McNear started the school year with a surplus of \$15,000 which had previously been earmarked for the now-defunct track. Friends of McNear has decided to spend the money on the teacher supply fund and give each teacher a one time donation to their teacher supply fund, pro rata.

There was a question about the status of the emergency food supply and it was determined that the food is good through 2010.

There was a question about whether or not the McNear school teachers or administration have any input about the music program. The music teachers are a shared district position and any questions or concerns should be brought to the district, or directly to the music teacher.

Anne Digges, After School Enrichment Coordinator, encouraged parents to contact her to teach a class if they had some special skills or knowledge that they would like to share with the students.

- XIII. Adjourn – **ACTION**
Antionette Butts motioned to adjourn and Susan Cook seconded the motion.

**Next PTA Meeting: October 6, 2009
6:30 STAFF ROOM**