

Albert Einstein Elementary
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2010

Attendance: Michelle Sullivan, Amy Walter, Shauna Kennedy, Debbie Breer, Madhu Movva, Deva Demeter, Kitty Tam, Sumi Balakrishnan, Rana Shafi, Melanie Williams, Olivia Lang.

Meeting called to order by Michelle Sullivan at 9:20 am.

Minutes from the February 9, 2010 Board Meeting were approved as written.

Student Council Report:

- Council meetings are going strong. Michelle proposed seeing if student council could help pass out cookies and lead students in “Happy Birthday” during their lunch in celebration of Einstein’s Birthday. Olivia agreed.

Principal’s Report:

- High stress time with report cards and conferences.
- Mrs. Danielson leaving to have baby – Mr. Olsen hired as long-term sub. Also hired long-term sub for Mrs. Moulton – Alli Boughton.
- Budget cuts on the horizon. District holding public input meetings throughout March. The closest meeting for Einstein is March 24th from 7-9 at Redmond High.
- MSP (Measure of Student Progress) will be held sometime during May 4- May 28th. The 6th grade has an on-line portion that they will be piloting. More information will be made available as Jack receives it.
- Research is continuing regarding introducing Spanish into the curriculum at Einstein. Looking into possible immersion (as a choice school) option or a possible “specialist” instruction option. Will not be ready for launch in 2010-2011 school year.

Teacher’s Report:

- Teachers enjoying their PCC Scrips cards.
- Teachers happy about the Otter Grant program.

Treasurer’s Report: *(See attached 2/08/10 – 3/10/10 Report)*

New Business:

Otter Grants:

- Committee (Donna Muench, Kari Haegele, Jack Tobin, Julie Lang & Beth Hosier-Nickum) met. See attached recommendations for PTSA consideration.
- Discussion regarding proposed Otter Grants

MOTION #1: Melanie made a motion to approve the Otter Grant Committee’s recommendations in full for a total of \$3,132. Amy seconded. All in favor.

Otter Wear:

- Student Council picked t-shirt colors. Flyer/info going out tomorrow in Ottermail.

Fall Fundraisers:

- Looking for new ideas for fall fundraisers. Possible ideas include cookie dough, Innisbrook, etc. Amy Walter will work with Donna to brainstorm ideas.

Possible Board Restructure:

- Deva presented Nominating Committee's proposed changes to the board structure for next year. See proposed revised Standing Rules attached.
- Under new structure board would consist of President, 1st VP, Secretary and Treasurer (as Executive Committee) along with 2nd VP, VP of Communications and Teacher Rep to round out the Board.
- Most current board VP positions would become appointed chair positions and would report to the board rather than be required to attend all meetings. All chairs would be welcome at all board meetings.
- The new idea was discussed. Pros and cons debated.

MOTION #2: Amy made a motion to approve the changes to the Standing Rules as outlined. See attached. Deva seconded. All in favor.

PCC Scrips

- Shauna explained that the original Scrip cards have been sold. PCC has agreed to sell us 10 more per their original explanation of the program. This will cover all of those who have ordered cards. Beginning May 1 you will have to fill your Scrip card in increments of \$50. Will look at selling again in the fall.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Madhu reported that Einstein received the Gold Award for 10% improvement in membership this year. Way to go!

Family Events: Dance Night coming up. Tara & committee working on International Night. Tables have been assigned.

Activities: Next session for Chess & Art begins in April. Considering sending home hard copies of Registration Form or perhaps sending a targeted email to those currently enrolled.

Communications: Ottermail submissions need to be into Kitty by midnight the Tuesday before publication.

Meeting adjourned by Michelle at 11:30 am.

The above notes were submitted by Melanie Williams on behalf of Margie Segress, Secretary.