

## **Donlon PFC Meeting Minutes**

### **March 4, 2008**

Meeting came to order at 7:32pm.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- January's minutes were approved with no changes
- February's minutes were approved with no changes

#### **Presentation by Superintendent, John Casey**

- Mr. Casey spoke about the Governor's proposal and its impact on PUSD and handed out a packet of information
- We need to cut 4.5 million from our budget
- He reviewed potential program/service reductions to offset 08-09 deficit/funding reductions from 2/26 school board meeting.
- The PUSD School Board was able to make 2.7 million in possible reductions and we can use up to \$2 million from our reserves next year in order to hold our team of people together.
- Mr. Casey discussed parcel taxes and said that some school districts use them to increase services and some to keep things like class-size reduction or librarians, etc.
- More information will be coming about how to contact our government officials to protest these cuts.
- There will be a rally on April 4<sup>th</sup> to protest, put on by the PTA counsel

#### **Principal's Update**

- Fences: have been removed from the back field. There are 2 supervisors in the area to ensure safety.
- Outdoor Ed: went very well and everyone had a great time
- Art for Kids: this is a new program for which 3 parents have expressed an interest in serving on the committee to get this off the ground. They are looking for 40 pieces of art (from the kids) to auction off in order to raise money for art programs at the schools.
- Level of clearance for chaperones: All that is looked at for this level of clearance is serious traffic violations and/or crimes against children. If a parent is cleared by the police department to chaperone field trips (or volunteer in the classroom) they cannot be denied based on hearsay. It is the principal's responsibility to ensure the safety of the children using established district clearance procedures and to have discussions with district level personnel if needed. Mr. Schweitzer is looking into a principal's rights based on hearsay.

- Distinguished School: Donlon received a 7.5 out of 8 points but needed a 7.7 in order to qualify for a visit from the Distinguished School Committee. We did much better than last year however (when only 7.5 was needed for a visit) and did receive Honorable Mention. Of the 5 elementary schools that applied, Fairlands and Lydikson received visits and Walnut Grove, and Mohr received honorable mention along with Donlon.

### **New Business**

- Agendas: the organizers used by 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders each year at Donlon can no longer be funded by district funds. It was requested that the PFC pay for them. A motion was made and approved for the PFC to spend up to \$2500 for agendas for next year. A discussion ensued regarding possibly adding them to the school supply kit to recoup some of our funds but no decision was reached.
- PFC mailboxes: everyone knows where they are now and they are working out just fine.

### **Old Business**

- International Event: this will take place in the evening on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We have 10 participants so far and would like to have more. If we can get 20 booths, we will hold the event during the day as well.
- Ads4Kids: a motion was made and approved to table this project for next year.
- Science Fair: more volunteers are needed, especially to help set up and take the boards to the Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm