

Minutes for PFC EXECUTIVE Meeting

August 13, 2011

In attendance: Cheryl Thoe, Michelle Lemus, Leslie Mehta, Yvonne Malinowski, Trina Lopez, Stephanie Brice, Andrea Green, Miriam Bettencourt, Melissa Schussel and Principal Amy Simione

Meeting called to order 4:08 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Cheryl Thoe gives welcome “home” greetings to Amy Simione and expressions of gratefulness and excitement for the upcoming years as Amy joins Donlon as the new Principal. Many thanks also expressed to the new board for their commitment to the 2011 -2012 school year as well as taking time to have a special summer board meeting.

Discussions and Updates:

- A. Michelle Lemus presents a 2010 -2011 financial year in review. Fundraising highlights were noted. The proposed 2011 -2012 proposed PFC budget was presented. Motion to adopt the budget as presented, seconded and approved a board consensus. Will vote in the General Meeting at the PFC meeting in September.
- B. Principal Amy Simione discussed updates on the districts feedback of funds necessary for Technology and Library to remain at the same level as last year. Shortfalls in both have occurred. Additionally, the CORE group raised funds, but they too fell short. The PUSD is requesting each school’s Parent Group supplement the Library and Technology funding. This request is to cover 1 hour of Library and 1 hour of Technology per day. This will bring the total number of tech to 4 hours per day and the total number of Library hours to 5 per day. Discussion followed, noting which is more important. Conclusion was that both types are important to Donlon. Finally, Amy suggests that the condition of Donlon’s technology is in dire need of updating and for that reason alone Donlon requires as much tech support from a Technology Specialist as possible. The executive board supports and a vote will be cast at the PFC General Meeting in September.
- C. Brief overview of where Donlon is on the Technology Roadmap. 3rd-5th and Science Lab have SMART classrooms and the PFC continues to work with Amy to upgrade K-2nd and SDC where possible. In that overview it is also noted that some new technology was ordered, many additional purchases still need to be purchased. Further, Amy is in discussion with many teachers investigating their needs and preferences. Additional time is necessary to match up teachers input to current technology along with the money the PFC has committed to technology.

This is ongoing and noted as a priority for Miss Simione. Update will be presented and discussed at the September General PFC meeting.

D. Supervision was the next item discussed. This discussion was passionate and many concerns were raised. Discussion included:

- Before and after school supervision.
- Drop off time of 8:10AM was noted as a huge source of frustration for many parents.
- Parents desire to have paid supervision, not staff working drop off and pick up daily.
- Overlapping lunch time as a frustration for children with crowded tables and confusion.
- Lunch supervision inadequate with the overlap.

Amy discusses the reality of and necessity of utilizing the faculty and staff at drop off and lunch times, but also notes the community's desire for more supervision and adjusting the drop off time. A long discussion and calculations of what personnel and cost would be required to adjust the drop off time was entertained. Based on the calculations along with a commitment from Amy to email exact costs, a vote is taken. The PFC would cover the additional supervision costs, thus allowing the drop off time to change to 8:00 AM with paid supervision covering 8:00-8:10 when at that time faculty and staff will step in and assist and additional time during lunch to avoid overlapping lunches and provide more supervision during lunch. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Noted Back to School Night is Thursday August 26, 2011.

F. Principal Grants were noted for this school year.

G. Last item again, thank you to ALL volunteers this year! With a special request for Yearbook volunteers to commit to "mini projects." In closing, Leslie Mehta offered to place "calling all volunteers" clipboards out at BTSN. This is another way to reach out and secure volunteers for this school year and beyond.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47PM