

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School – May 7, 2013 – PTA EB Meeting – Approved Minutes

**Attendees:** 15 board members

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm

**I. President's Report:** Joy Heinze (Co-President) gave the President's Report:

**A. Minutes:** The Executive Board minutes from April were passed unanimously.

**B. June Enrichments:** We have engaged several inexpensive vendors for June enrichments, including:

- Circus enrichment
- Shakespeare Sing (grades 5-7)
- Scavenger Hunt (grades K-7 - match up w reading buddies from 1<sup>st</sup> grade)
- Stockbroker for a day during math period (grades 6-8) with virtual stock floor
- We're looking at an option for wacky science
- Cyberbullying

**C. Nominating Committee:** We have some nominees for various positions, and are accepting nominations - all positions are open. We especially are looking for an Assistant Treasurer for the Direct Appeal.

**D. Hospitality:** We want to put in place a program for someone to do hospitality next year, which would be reimbursed. It would include putting up a big banner outside for the general PTA meetings and providing refreshments, which would be reimbursed. The board determined that the grade reps. will do this on a rotating basis.

**E. Journal:** Journal ad sales are up and we were able to procure inexpensive vendors, so we expect to break even.

**F. PTA meeting timing:** Joy would like to keep meetings to an hour. We discussed taking a vote to determine whether we'd rather meet Monday or Tuesday evenings next year.

**G. Drama Program:** The Principal funded the drama program this year, and she wants to move it to the PTA budget. One grade in K-5 will do a play, there will be an elective in the middle school, and we plan to put on an afterschool play.

Since drama displaced afterschool bands, we had a long discussion about it and determined we'd like to investigate other options to fund band. We also discussed the desire to have a plan.

**II. Budget Committee:** Wil McCoy (Budget Co-Chair) reviewed the FY2012-13 spending update and proposed 2013-14 budget. The Executive Board Motioned to approve, and this passed unanimously. We will put together a small group to determine how to handle any future surplus funds.

**III. Direct Appeal:**

- A. Amy Davidson (VP, Fundraising) said she had lowered the plan for the end of the year. There was interest in the May matching campaign, so we will continue it.
- B. There is an independent company that offers a subscription so that you can look up whether your company matches donations. This would be an annual investment. Gargi Gandhi (VP, Communications) will see if we can add this to the website.

**IV. SLT:** Mindy Wigutow (PTA Rep to the SLT) reported that:

- A. We are discussing way to balance homework.
- B. We are trying to have test prep without stress.
- C. We need a plan for Spanish
- D. There are plans for a Science Fair

**V. Fundraising:** Jennie Thompson (VP, Fundraising) said that:

- A. Kid fit was a great success.
- B. We're working on a year-end party for the younger grades.

**VI. Grade Reps:**

**Spanish:** Several children are not enjoying Spanish - to be discussed at weekly principal's meeting.

**VII. Treasurer's Report:**

Erica Chan (Co-Treasurer) said we may have a budget overage in chess, but may have parent donations to offset. If needed, we'll have a vote on it.

**VIII. Community Affairs:**

Joli Golden (VP, Community Affairs) said Christine Quinn's education representative had a press conference today on gifted & talented education.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.