

9/8/09 – Sandpiper School PTO Meeting Minutes

Board members present:

Steve Jeras	Andrew Wussow
Mary Jo Scovill	Matt Bucko
Leslie Dahan	Eddie Newkirk
Anne Rickard	Melaine Knight

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. YES! For PV Students – Julie Bacon, President discussed Budget Override Election
 - a. Override for “Maintenance and Ops” funds is a misnomer – 74% goes to salaries – instruction and instructional support
 - b. Override in place since 1986, last election was 1st time it wasn’t passed
 - c. Failure to pass resulted in reductions in specific areas
 - i. 219 staff cuts
 - ii. salary cuts for all
 - iii. increase in extracurricular fees
 - d. If passed, will see specific improvements
 - i. reduced class sizes
 - ii. more Tech, PE, Fine Arts
 - iii. more 3Rs instruction
 - iv. competitive salaries for PV teachers
 - v. reading specialists
 - e. Cost of program – \$12/year, per 100k home value
 - f. Failure to pass = more cuts - \$5.3 million more
 - g. Override continues for 5 years, then starts to phase down if not passed again; we are now in 1st year of phase down
 - h. Julie passed out brochure about campaign website (www.yesforpvstudents.com) and an early ballot request form
 - i. 9/22 – will be presentation on this at Horizon HS; more info will be sent out
- III. Principal’s Report – Mr. Jeras
 - a. Principal’s Challenge – Introduced this year
 - i. Students pick topic & find ways to learn more on topic
 - ii. Students will keep a log
 - iii. Mr. Jeras will present this to the students by next Thursday
 - b. Video announcements are down. Need to get a solution to allow them to broadcast via broadband network to laptops.vvUntil then, will just have audio announcements.
 - c. Modifications to way we grade - (PPT presentation). New system that better reflects how well a student understands the material and whether they are achieving a certain level of understanding against a standard
 - d. Will send more details in the next Sun.
- IV. Teacher Report – Elisabeth Speight

- a. Pass on appreciation to parents for involvement and keeping up with support and communication.

V. Old Business

- a. Directory/Listserve – 156 direct returns (out of 302 families); 109 directory orders. Will try to get out to printing 1st week in October.
 - i. Two advertisers so far.
 - ii. The printer we used in the past has closed; need to find new printer to give us a deal
- b. Treasurer – no updates
- c. Ways/Means
 - i. Yogurt Builderz - \$800 in yogurt = \$250+ to Sandpiper – very successful
 - ii. _ day happening – gymnastics; flyer came home and will also send email
 - iii. Giftwrap – assembly on Friday; two weeks long; will be entirely on line. Will have ten winners for a grab bag of gift cards.
 - iv. Dads & Donuts – 9/25, before school – 8-8:45am
 - v. Bingo Night – kick off 30 years of Sandpiper celebration
 - vi. Hoe Down – end October
 - vii. Volunteers – blue paper went home last Friday; need volunteers to sign up
- d. Family Sponsorship - \$1460 so far, \$8000 goal
- e. Homeroom parents – 9/17 orientation

VI. New Business

- a. “Kickbacks” – some businesses offering to donate to the school based on new business to them from the school. Discussed ways to communicate – propose 1x month mail (backpack/email) with businesses listed.
- b. PTO website – Sandpiper PTO has purchased two domain names. Need help to build a site. Please let us know if you know anyone who could donate time to build it.

Adjourned: 7:38pm

Next Meeting: October 13