

AGS PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Board members present were Rick Manning, Ann Gerardi, Lori Kessler, Brian Nallenweg, Mary Collins, Jill Stevens, Christine Ralston, and Kristy VanderLoon. Guests included ECC teacher representative Leeann Rodriguez, Director of Communications-elect Amy Girmscheid, and Jennifer Tonn.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Lori Kessler made a motion to approve the March 1, 2010 board meeting minutes, Ann Gerardi seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

- Flower sale update: \$12,829 in sales, expected delivery May 7. Potential profit \$5158 if all cash & carry sells. Need volunteers throughout the day.
- Adaptive swing Special Appropriation – still TBD if Mother's Club will help fund.

President's Report: Rick Manning appointed Amy Girmscheid as the new Director of Communications, effective immediately.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Ralston presented the draft mission and vision statements that the staff has developed in concert with their consultant. The board discussed the drafts and provided suggestions. MAP testing end of April.

Teacher Liaison Report: Rockin' Science assembly next week.

Early Childhood Liaison Report: Parent education night April 29. A representative from FVSRA will be one of the guest presenters. Spirit wear project underway this week. Coordinating efforts for parent resource library.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Nallenweg provided a financial update as of March 30 (as presented). All Quick Books entries matched up with Chase records.

1st Vice President's Report: Ann Gerardi reported that the yearbook stuff is all done.

2nd Vice President's Report: Lori Kessler presented 4 Special Appropriations Requests to be voted on tonight:

1. Elaine Dugan, guided reading books, \$1233. Finance Committee recommended approving \$600. Ann Gerardi made a motion to approve \$600, Jill Stevens seconded, all in favor.
2. William Jugenitz, Rockets/Rocket engines, \$359. Finance Committee recommended approving in full. Ann Gerardi made a motion to approve funding in full, Brian Nallenweg seconded, all in favor.
3. Christine Ralston, parent resource library, \$520.68. Finance Committee recommended approving \$300. Ann Gerardi made a motion to approve \$300, Amy Girmscheid seconded, all in favor.
4. Mike Park, climbing rope, \$196. Finance Committee recommended approving in full. Ann Gerardi made a motion to approve funding in full, Jill Stevens seconded, all in favor.

Classroom Support Report: Jill Stevens reported teacher appreciation week plans are underway for the first week of May. Meet, Greet, & Find your Seat + ice cream social will be on Monday before school starts. Younger grades 5-6pm, ice cream 5-7pm, older grades 6-7pm.

Ways & Means Report: Karine Picchietti was unable to attend. Swamp Stomp dance April 16, still need volunteers, contact Lisa Foydel. Next movie night is May 14.

Communications Report: Gazette deadline tomorrow noon. Jennifer Tonn will produce this Gazette, Amy Girmscheid will take over next month. Caroline Baty-Barr has agreed to put the directory together. Directory cover design contest will be announced this week, entries due by April 23. Student registration will be online later this spring; PTO directory info could be incorporated in the district registration process.

New Business:

- Budget: proposed budget must be voted on at the May General Meeting on May 20. Ann and Lori will meet with various staff to get their budget input.
- Gazette not as widely read now that it is entirely online. Consider incorporating student written submissions part of each Gazette, effectively combining a student newspaper with the Gazette. In the fall, begin issuing Gazette before the end of each month and include a calendar and the lunch menu. Each month highlight one grade level.
- Christine asked PTO to consider funding maintenance on the Toshiba copier in the teacher lounge. PTO board decided to give \$500 to AGS for copier maintenance. Jill suggested shopping around for the Toshiba maintenance contract.
- Make Special Appropriations a budgeted line item, maybe \$4000.
- Have focused fundraisers and publicize the results.

Adjournment: Lori Kessler made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:11pm, Brian Nallenweg seconded, all in favor.