

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2010

1-Welcome, Introductions & Sign-In

In attendance: Cindy Potter, Brent Evans, Leslie McCoubrey, Shelly Edwards, Kimberly Kinzer, Jeanette Chandler, Kelly Powers, Veronica Niemeyer, Erin Reid, James Stark, Kate Smith, Andrea Huber, David Tadlock, Elizabeth Gay, Trudy Tessaro, Kevin Huber

2-Principal's Update, Kimberly Kinzer

- Two teachers attended staff development at Loyal Heights Elementary in Readers Workshop. Both came back very enthused. Wayne Floyd, principal at Loyal Heights, invited our parents to attend an April 29 event at their school about Readers Workshop (we think 6:30pm but Ms. Kinzer will check). Parents interested in learning more about the curriculum should attend.
- Finishing book study with staff – "Strategies That Work." Voluntary book club started last Monday by Amy Griffin, a balanced literacy coach. Book is "Growing Readers."
- 3 teacher committees this year: (1) Safety (2) Teaching/Learning (3) School Climate
- Climate Committee is looking at an anti-bullying curriculum – Second Step and Steps to Respect and the one that View Ridge uses currently.

3-Giving Campaign 2010, Brent Evans

- We brought in funds from fundraising party and now are working on raising \$15,000 by May 1st. Another donation form in Kid Mail this Thursday.

4-Treasurer's Report & Budget Committee, Jeanette Chandler

- Giving Campaign is still sitting at \$10,000 because the credit card payments from the auction of about \$24,000 will be coming in shortly (through Alliance for Education).
- Jogathon total is \$35,652 – last matching check came in! The goal was only \$26,000.
- Free Money – up compared to last year.
- Albertson's rebate program is no longer available (was \$500/year).
- Yearbooks is negative now because we paid publisher – but we'll earn that back.
- Assuming yearbooks break even, our total position is about \$87,000 raised this year (only \$8,000 shy of our \$95,000 goal). We have 3 weeks to raise the rest.
- The PTA/school has committed to some savings this year – stopped spending with disaster prep, assemblies. We're expecting to save \$3,000 out of this current budget.

- Budget committee is finalizing the on-line survey. The survey will go "live" on April 15th and will close on the 22nd. Will be Survey Monkey with paper copies in the front lobby. Open to everyone, including teachers/staff. After survey closes, we'll review results and finalize budget. If we go on a \$90,000 budget for next year, we'll need pretty big cuts. If we go to \$95,000 those cuts won't be as deep and we can keep more or less a status quo. We need to see what the community wants through the survey.

5-Art Walk, Shelly Edwards

- June 3rd for Art Walk, 5:30-8:00pm. Lisa Anderson and Shelly are co-chairs, Temple McNeer is also on the team. Will have a raffle again – a night at Great Wolf Lodge. Proceeds from the raffle will help cover the cost of Art Walk. Lisa wants to shoot for zero trash. Event will include volunteer recognition. Talking about whether we'll be doing music performance, poetry and/or dance. Invitations to the community – Bethany, PCC, those who have donated things. Will begin soon to recruit volunteers.

6-Bees in the Garden Committee , Trudy Tessaro

- Meeting with staff tomorrow and parents in afternoon. Meeting with school district Thursday.
- Submitted application with school district to revamp the garden space. Planning for 15 raised beds – one for each class. Found a company in Oregon for cedar beds that are assembled with aluminum pins. Team is hoping 5th graders will help assemble.
- Raised beds are \$5,800. Garden shed for \$500.
- Other plans: berry patch, relocate benches, add a table, have a compost bin area, and add a trellis instead of current fence.
- Called new local wine shop (Greenlake Wines). Owner is excited to do wine tasting fundraisers for us. Tickets for 40 people would raise \$1,000. He can help underwrite it.
- Recruiting volunteers at the meeting tomorrow.
- The group is doing sheet mulch now, fundraising, finishing design, hope to order beds in August, delivered in September.
- Also applying for Neighborhood grant from City of Seattle. Due July 12. Trellis would be built in December. Doesn't compete with timing of playground project.
- Kinzer commented that this group has tons of enthusiasm and she is so appreciative.
- Andrea is going to volunteer a day each week next year to help the teachers to bring their students to the garden. Looking at some simple curricula.

7-Green Field Project, Kevin Huber

- Kevin presented revised drawing of "Green Field" project plan. Will post soon on web.

- Martha Shapiro (parent) is the landscape designer.
- New grass field will be irrigated with new drainage – hooked up to school district central command – controlled remotely.
- A 12 foot wide running track will be painted onto the asphalt.
- Pervious asphalt – will let the rain go through. Has a lot more traction. The current asphalt is old, slippery and causes a lot of injuries. Will have to remove the old asphalt.
- The play structures remain the same.
- The only things that move are trees in current mud/dirt area closest to school. The school district requires us to maintain a certain ratio of hard surface to grass. That's why the dirt area has to be removed and be replaced by asphalt.
- Any new trees will be trimmed to 4 feet from the ground so you can see under them. School district requirement.
- Might put in 1-2 "ball walls."
- Budget is \$195,000 for construction (most of which will come from grants). We need \$15,000 for the landscape architect and fundraising consultant this summer (unless we get volunteers). Looking at a Small & Simple grant from the City for that part. We'll need to raise \$2,500 as match this summer.
- \$4,800 site labor donated – people from community have signed up.
- Lowes has promised discounted rates. Aurora Rents may as well.
- Have a great project team assembled and new parents coming forward. A soils engineer and a civil engineer have offered their help – from within our community. That's huge.
- Deadline for \$100,000 grant application to City of Seattle is April 13th. The word from the city is that we have a very good shot because of our team.
- Farhad is the assistant project lead. He's terrific. He's been collecting volunteer names.
- Monica Oxford and Erica Hutchison and an outside volunteer are writing the grants.
- We need someone to help raise money to "match" - \$20,000 during the next year. We need \$20,000 - \$50,000. Ideas will be to go to large corporations such as Vulcan, Gates Foundation, Microsoft. Not competing with current PTA fundraising.
- Also need an accountant or treasurer.

8-Upcoming PTA Events or Other Business, Cindy Potter

- Monday (April 12) - Parent Ed Night, P.E.A.C.E. of Mind, 6-8pm
- Staff Appreciation Week, May 3-7
- Testing for 3rd/4th/5th graders, May 17-21