

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2009

1-Welcome, Introductions & Sign-In

In attendance: Cindy Potter, Danielle Holmberg, Brent Evans, Jeanette Chandler, Kelly Powers, Kevin Huber, Jed Feltis, Kimberly Kinzer, Kelly Powers, Elizabeth Gay, Rebekah Brooks, Britt Murphy, Leslie McCoubrey, Jim Schone, Lisa Newton, Lisa Anderson, Erin Reid

2-Principal's Update, Kimberly Kinzer

- Continuous school improvement plan - there has been a shift for the staff, we went from 15 committees when I started at Bagley and have narrowed them down to 3 committees (now called departments). The departments are linked to the continuous school improvement plan.
- The departments are safety, teaching & learning, and climate. The staff has been divided into 3. The departments meet once per month.
- Safety – Looks at supplies, emergency evacuation map, staff training, etc. The school staff is ready to have an all school drill, however the first step is to do a tabletop focusing on one emergency and do a run through.
- Teaching & Learning – Focus for this semester is aligning our science curriculum. Making sure we are align with the science vocabulary K through 5. Focusing on standards and what the nuts and bolts of what the 4th and 5th graders need to know before going onto middle school. Could use some volunteers to help with the science kits. Second semester will focus on mathematics.
- Climate – Primary focus is to organize the Monday Morning Meetings, and overall climate of the school. Rolled out a virtues program. Have a word that everyone would focus on for one or two months. This month is gratitude. Respect, compassion, perseverance, and integrity are some of the other words used. Another focus is on the inclusion program and diversity within the school. Cassie Martin, UW PhD student has worked with the school in the past. She recently did a presentation in Mr. Roos' class about strengths and challenges. She is going to speak with 2 classrooms next week and then Ms. Lai and Mr. Keller are to finish out the rest of the classrooms. In January Cassie plans to return to the school for an all-school assembly on the same topic.

3-Schools First Levy, Lyn Porterfield

- Focusing on keeping all PTA's in the loop of the levy systems. The Schools First Levy board meets every 3 years.

- The Building, Technology, and Academic Levy is a 6 year levy (\$270 million). Bagley is actually on this list for the replacement of plumbing/pipes.
- The Operations Levy is a 3 year levy – This provides nearly one quarter (\$448 million) of the Seattle Public Schools day-to-day operating budget.
- Bagley’s PTA board will be voting to endorse the levy and provide \$250 in funding towards the campaign.

4- Playground Improvements – Kevin Huber & Jed Feltis

- The preliminary plan is complete. The preliminary plan is now with the district and waiting for feedback. Once the feedback is received, the plan will be re-submitted.
- The next move (after we hear from the school district) is to start fundraising.
- The top priorities are a grass field and a track.
- The budget is now set at \$100,000 cash plus \$40,000 donated labor for a total of \$140,000.
- One estimate has been done for taking up the asphalt and disposing of it (which is most likely going to be the biggest expense).

5-Giving campaign Update, Brent Evans

- February 27th is the kickoff party at the Leif Erikson Lodge (same as last year).
- Donations can be given at any time, this year or next year.
- The theme is “Parents at Recess”.
- More information to come.

6-Treasurer’s Report, Jeanette Chandler

- The Jogathon raised more than \$30,000 so far, which is fantastic. This does not include the matching funds that come in at a later date.
- Interest income is much less that last year since we are earning a lower interest rate than when the account was first opened.
- Chinook books goal was \$900 and we are now at \$1300.

7-Free Money Changes, Lisa Newton

- The free money programs at the school earn a great deal of money. This is definitely a way that families can help with donations to the school.
- There is going to be a box top contest on the Monday Morning Meeting with prizes. Cory Nickerson will be helping out with this.
- Scrip is now being called gift cards with a kickback. The best one at the moment is PCC because it can be reloaded at the store.

8-New School Assignment Plan, Brent Evans and Elizabeth Gay

- Results of the internal Bagley sibling survey are that 16 siblings would not be able to go to this school next year unless grandfathering is approved in the transition plan.
- Maps have been approved by the board and the next step is the transition plan that will address the transportation, siblings, etc. and is due December 16th, 2009.
- The sibling issue is the number one issue.
- The district is going to be putting out a sibling survey and we need to make sure that the parents fill these out.
- The tie breakers for middle school are siblings, feeder patterns, and then lottery.

9-Wreath Sale Update, Rebekah Brooks

- Wreath distribution is Wednesday and Thursday before and after school.
- As of today, this has raised \$4200 which is about \$700 more than planned.
- Bethany purchased 24 of the wreaths, which was great.

10-Upcoming PTA Events & Other Business, Cindy Potter

- All covered in the newsletter.
- The tentative start date for the compost program is January 13th.
- Next week Ms. Kinzer will attend and be recognized for one of the top ten Seattle schools – look in newsletter for more information.