

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2010

1-Welcome, Introductions & Sign-In

In attendance: Cindy Potter, Danielle Holmberg, Brent Evans, Jeanette Chandler, Kimberly Kinzer, Kate O'Leary, James Stark, Elizabeth Gay, Andrea Huber, Leslie Bray-Melokz, Alison Rice, Renee Boone, Kathleen Kenny, Susan Wilbanks, Kelly Powers, Jed Feltis

2-Principal's Update, Kimberly Kinzer

- January 29th was a day off for students. The teachers had a professional development day. Met for morning breakout sessions for the district regarding Writer's Workshop book groups with Jessie Harrison. The teacher's wrote out 3 different units during that time.
- The staff worked on safety procedures in the afternoon. The teachers conducted a tabletop earthquake simulation. Watched videos and had 3 different groups of teachers work on roles and responsibilities. Conducted a minute by minute scenario. At the end of the simulation, everyone did an exit ticket, in which they wrote down 2 things that they learned from the simulation. Whether it was concerns, ideas, next steps, questions, etc.
- Books were ordered for the 4th and 5th grade classrooms. PTA contributed to fund these needs. All books are in and will be distributed to the classrooms by possibly next week.
- Tomorrow the staff will be looking at the results from the math test (Edusoft, which is taken 3 times per year). This test is given in the fall, winter, and spring. It is driven by the district. This is a good way to analyze the progress of each student. An increase between 9-19% is the average amount of progress for each test. The scores help determine how we are challenging the students that did well and how we are helping the students improve scores if needed.
- In the afternoon, there was professional development for teachers regarding science. This committee has been working on the national science kits alignment K-5. The committee will be putting a presentation on for the entire staff tomorrow.
- Currently do not have any numbers regarding the budget yet, will possibly receive during the break and then move forward depending on what the numbers are.
- Student assembly 2 weeks ago that Cassie Martin worked on regarding special education. Helped the school improve the special education department. She had been conducting classroom visits talking about strengths and challenges.

- The 4th graders started with Pacific Northwest Ballet, they meet twice a week in the cafeteria. Two classes will be doing book groups as well. The performance at McCaw hall TBA.
- Mid-year reviews are going on now with the teachers.

3-Garden Committee, Andrea Huber

- Parents are ready and willing to get involved.
- The first step is to do a design plan.
- Possibilities are to install a potting bench, storage, worm bed in the shade, gravel on the pathways, etc.
- Make it a functional education space for all programs at the school.
- Willing to take a class in Portland and take that information to make our garden the best it can be.
- Looking into getting grants, there are some available that are geared toward this project.
- The next meeting is on February 10th from 4-5pm. Andrea has volunteered to do another meeting in the evening for the parents that are unable to attend.

4-Playground Improvement Update, Jed Feltis

- Kevin Huber was able to get the district to approve us adding a 10,000 square foot grass field in the back of the school.
- The next step is to raise the money and work on getting grants to help with the cost.
- Lowes has a grant up to \$25,000 that will be looked into.
- Looking for ideas and volunteers to help with the fundraising.
- Phase one is to put in the field and phase 2 is the track. Would like to install the field this summer.

5-Treasurer's Report, Jeanette Chandler

- Total direct donations are even with last year which is great considering last year there was a one-time donation of \$10,000.
- Total free money programs are up from last year.
- The wreath sales did very well this year. Up about \$500 from last year's sales.

6-School Levies Update, Kelly Powers

- Only 18% of the ballots have been turned in, please push to turn these in.
- Donations would be great to help out.
- We have to get the message out to the community that is less involved with the schools.

- Rally at Green Lake this weekend, noon on Saturday.

7-New Student Assignment Plan Update, Brent Evans

- At the end of this month, everyone will get a letter stating what school your child will be in this coming school year. This is when you will be informed of where your student will be placed for the coming year. You will then have the option to apply to a school outside of your assigned school.
- March 1-31 is open enrollment.
- The tiebreakers are the same, however the pool of students are going to change (moves, private schools, etc).

8-Giving Campaign Party Details, Brent Evans

- Will be held on February 27th.
- 40 people have turned in forms to attend so far, need to have many more.
- Starts at 5:30pm. There will be a raffle, silent auction, live auction, gift card Dutch auction, games, dessert dash, dash party with a DJ, etc.

9-Recruiting for Next Year's PTA Leaders, Cindy Potter

- Recruiting for officers for next year. President, Vice President, and Secretary.

10-Upcoming PTA Events & Other, Cindy Potter

- February 15-19 is Mid-winter break.
- February 25 is the Night at the Museum open house for current Bagley families 6:30-7:30pm.
- February 27 is the annual Giving campaign party at the Leif Erikson Lodge 5:30-10:30pm.