

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2009

1-Welcome, Introductions & Sign-In

In attendance: Cindy Potter, Sharie Hyder, Shoko Biwaki, Kathleen Kenny, Jamie Stark, Dylan Wilbanks, Leslie McCoubrey, Lisa Anderson, Sally Hiserman, Cory Nickerson, Danielle Holmberg, Kimberly Kinzer, Brent Evans, Kelly Powers, Erica Grivas, Sarah Vadset, Clara Burger, Elizabeth Gay, Amy Cork, Farhad Hyder, Jeanette Chandler, Alison Rice, Brett Milner-Feltis

2-Principal's Update, Kimberly Kinzer

- Thanks to Brett Milner-Feltis for coordinating the Jogathon again this year. It was a huge success.
- Brent Evans (PTA Vice President) is going to be the point person for questions regarding the new school assignment program.
- Last week all of the students took the Edusoft math assessment.
 - This is to determine a baseline of where the students are at the beginning of the year.
 - This assessment is taken 3 times over the school year (fall, winter and spring).
 - The results are used to compare data and figure out what to work on for the school year and make adjustments if needed. The results for the fall test will be in next week.
 - If you want information on the assessment you can speak with your student's teacher.
- Reading: Thanks to the PTA donation, the school was able to order the beginnings of two 4th-5th grade "Just Right" reading libraries for classroom use.
 - Purchased 2 sets of the 4th grade level libraries. One set went to Mr. Roos and Mr. Bauer and the other set went to Ms. Stackhouse and Mr. Moore.
 - Ms. Johnson has been using the teacher's college assessment guide for the 4th and 5th graders.
 - Fluency Fridays start on the 16th of Oct. This is a reading program on every Friday morning for a half hour. The parents, community volunteers, etc. can come in to read with the students from 9:20-9:50am.
- There is no school on Friday. The staff is going to Writers Workshop classes.
- On 10/28/09 there is a 2 hour early release for the students.
 - The teachers will be meeting with Kathryn Chow and will be trained on Science kits. We are very happy to have her come in.

- Adam Dysart is coming to talk about the math curriculum and how to use Everyday Math for all students and all levels.
- Vocal musician, Beth Schermer started working with the K3 students.
 - Students/parents can request copies of the lyrics and they will eventually be posted on the web.
 - The performance is scheduled for January 14th 2010, location TBA.
- The 4th and 5th graders can participate in the instrumental music program.
 - Mark Oesterle is the music teacher and class will be held every Tuesday, starting today (10/6/09).
- The 5th graders left for camp this morning and are headed to Warm Beach.
 - The 5th graders have been going here for the last 5-6 years.
 - While at camp, they focus on leadership. The 4/5 teachers (Mr. Roos, Mr. Bauer, Ms. Stackhouse, Mr. Moore) chaperone the students.
 - Some activities include story time with smore's, rock climbing and swimming.
 - Camp costs to families did not go up this year, thanks to the PTA.
 - The PTA gave \$3500 to cover costs. This helps to keep camp reasonable so every child can attend.

3-Harvest Howl Event, Cory Nickerson

- Sonja Hachez and Cory Nickerson are co-chairs.
- The Harvest Howl is an open house for Halloween activities. Costumes are welcome and runs from 4-7pm on 10/24/09 (no drop offs).
- This year will be a toned down version of the haunted house (compared to years past).
- There will be a manager for each area/station of focus and then volunteers to run the stations throughout the evening.
- Need approximately 30-40 volunteers to have the night run smoothly.
- The event basically pays for itself. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per person or \$8 per family at the door.
- Need a permit for the building for the event night.
- Will be posting announcements on the V-list and Buzz.
- Still in need of help in the manager role for security, photographers, gypsy (for breaks).

4-Reflections Art Program, Amy Cork

- Amy Cork and Wyly Astley are co-chairs.
- There has already been one successful workshop for students.
- This is an art contest that is a National PTA event.
- Children can work on them at home or attend one of the workshops.

- Deadline is 11/6/09.
- There will be a reception on 11/17/09 for the community to view the art.
- There will be a book fair that same evening and after school that week.

5-Jogathon Debrief, Brett Milner-Feltis

- Went very well and the weather cleared up. Thank you to Leslie for coordinating the water station.
- 60+ volunteers.
- PCC donated the lunch for the volunteers.
- Second year in a row that we had 100% student participation.

6-Treasurer's Report, Jeanette Chandler

- Jogathon donations are rolling in but do not have a total yet. They are not due until 10/22/09.
- Currently have a lot of money in the scrip line item because we have restocked our inventory.
- The PTA will be selling scrip on Wednesday mornings at the school or there are order forms.
- We have about \$4000 reserve from last year. There will be a vote to determine where that money will be allocated.

7-New School Assignment Plan, Brent Evans

- Brent is the contact person for our school.
- The area maps came out today, this has been a 2 year process (maybe more). This comes from the 5 year strategic plan.
- For all students currently attending a school, they will remain assigned to that school until the student passes through the highest grade level offered at that school.
- The first phase will go into place this fall. The students directly affected will be K's, 5th graders and High school. All attendance is based on area.
- Every child will be assigned to a school based on their address.
- You can apply to attend another school.
- Each school will have some slack for different circumstances such as families moving into the area.
- Seattleschools.org has information and the maps.
- Bagley offers before and after school use of the computers in the library for anyone that may need to use them to view the new assignment plan.
- The elementary schools will feed into the middle school in the area.

- Option schools are ones that are not based on address. Salmon bay is one of them.
- There is no answer regarding siblings at this point. This will be addressed in the transition plan after the map plan has been approved.
- The superintendent wants feedback in the beginning, the sooner the better.
- Ways to be heard: Go to community meetings, provide feedback thorough the website
- The vote is November 18, 2009.

8-Legislative Issues (1033), Kelly Powers

- The 1033 initiative will be on the November ballot and if passed it would significantly affect funding for K-12 education as well as health and social services for children.
- State analysis says general fund revenues would be reduced by close to \$6 billion by the year 2015.
- Everyone across the state will be voting on this.

9-Bee Green Community Proposal, Lisa Anderson

- Gina Diamond is the chair.
- During the first Bee Green meeting, the most important thing that came up was composting. Other concerns were improving air quality (for example, the school buses idling in front of the school).
- The committee plans to tackle one large topic per year.
- There are 32 schools in the district that have student run composting. There are a lot of resources out there to model.
- There will be a cost to start the composting program, but the school will get cutbacks for composting.

10-Walk to School Event, Erica Grivas

- 10/14/09 is International Walk to School Day.
- Have 8 meet up spots with leaders, very relaxed. Meet at 8:50am
- Check online at the website for meet up locations, they will also be posted on the V-list and in the Buzz.

11-Upcoming PTA Events, Cindy Potter

- Conferences are in November. Striving to get 100% participation. Teachers will offer night and Saturday meeting times.

12-Other Business &Closing, Cindy Potter

- The PTA membership is at 92%.
- 85% of students are signed up to be in the directory

Notes compiled by Danielle Holmberg, PTA Secretary
Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm