

Daniel Bagley Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2009

1-Welcome, Introductions & Sign-In

In attendance: Cindy Potter, Cory Nickerson, Danielle Holmberg, Kimberly Kinzer, Jeanette Chandler, Kelly Powers, Julia Bacharach, Dan Cory, Jim Schone, Paula Mookerjee, Steve Stolver, Mary Park, Lynne Baratto, Doron Weisbarth, Juju Ishmael, Kristin Metcalf, Heather Lamer, Kerri Johnson, Jamie Stark, Leslie McCubrey, Kathleen Kenny, Barb Devell, Kim McMillen, Michelle Parnes, Rachel Troutman, Amy Wolf, Kerri Stout, Brett Milner-Feltis, Clara Burger, Andy Land, Jennifer Schubert, Sharie Hyder, Farhad Hyder, Amanda Rourberg, David Cantey, Kate Kondrak, Kevin Slota, Brian Black, Brent Evans, Danielle Slota, Suzanne Thomsen, Veronica Niemeyer, Erickson Moskito, Alison Rice, Lisa Anderson, Kate Smith, Cliff Burger

2-Principal's Update, Kimberly Kinzer

- Currently there are 370 students enrolled in the school compared to 330 last year.
- Two of last year's focuses were on Readers and Writers workshops. There were great improvements in these areas on the WASL scores.
 - Writing went from 57.1% to 88%.
 - 5th grade reading was 98%
 - 4th grade math went up by 20%
- Curriculum night will go into detail regarding WASL scores.
- This year there will be a focus on Science. There are Science kits for the classrooms.
 - The teachers met for 4 days in August to learn the kits and how to use them most effectively.
 - Want to ensure that all students are getting a quality Science education.
- Daniel Bagley is a Contemporary, Montessori and Inclusion school. Last year the word "Autism" was dropped from the name. We are always looking for ways to improve the program.
 - The district selected our school to be a part of the Integrated Comprehensive Resource Model, this means that students with special needs go to their neighborhood school and that school be an established Inclusion school.
- There are three main committees that the teachers are part of:
 - Teachers and Learning: Individual teacher focuses.
 - Safety: Focus on supplies for emergencies.
 - Climate Committee: Monday morning meetings, how kids interact on the playground, etc
- Started the Principal's book of the month club at Monday Morning Meeting.

- Curriculum night is 9/23/09 at 7pm. This is for parents only (babes in arms OK). Starts in the cafeteria for the first 10 minutes, then parents move to their student's classroom with their teacher.
- School assignment plan that is coming up for 2010: Principals met yesterday, the board will need to vote in order to change the plan.
 - Passed out a handout of when the community events are going to take place.
 - Working on getting a point person at Bagley to help inform parents.
 - Feeder patterns from elementary to middle school take into account: Safe walk zones, effective transportation, metro routes, demographics, and physical boundaries.

3-Membership & Directory Report, Dan Cory

- A family directory is done each year and participation is completely voluntary.
 - The classroom draft will be done in September/October for corrections to be made.
 - Hopefully complete by Halloween.
 - 40% of the children are in the directory now.
- The PTA currently has 203 members for this year (more than 50%).
 - The last 3 years the PTA has made 100% membership.

4-Treasurer's Report, Julia Bacharach

- All PTA meetings will have copies of the Profit & Loss statement.
- Julia and Jeanette are the Treasurer co-chairs. Their email's are on the Bagley website.
- Last year the PTA raised more money and spent less money than planned.
 - The Treasurers are forming a budget committee decide how the PTA is going to allocate that extra money, which is approximately \$4000.
 - Will have 1-2 meetings in the next month, then will go to a vote.

5-Jogathon, Brent Evans

- Brett Milner-Feltis is coordinating the Jogathon and this is her 3rd year. She does an excellent job.
- This is one of the school's biggest fundraiser's for the year.
- Last year raised \$26,000 and this is also the expectation for this year.
- Taking place on Friday, 10/2/09 from 10:30-11:20am
- The students get pledges per lap or a flat amount.
- The money raised funds many programs.

- Permission slips will be coming home in kid mail on Thursday. Every student participating in the Jogathon must have a permission slip. For the last 3 years, we have had 100% participation.
- Students can participate whether or not they get pledges.

6-Parent Education Proposal, Kelly Powers

- The PTA survey stated that parents want more parent education nights.
- Joining forces with West Woodland Elementary to share costs of education nights.
- Trying to suit different family situations based on age and family issues.
- Usually held after the PTA meetings.

7-Harvest Howl, Cory Nickerson

- This is one of the largest family fun nights of the year for the school.
- Tentatively scheduled for 10/24/09 from 4pm-8pm.
- Expecting 400-600 attendee's with a suggested \$2.00 per person donation to pay for the costs.
- The haunted house is the big draw, however the question now is whether to continue this year with the haunted house which is a lot of work or to have a lower key Harvest Howl this year.
- Need many volunteers to make this happen.

8-Upcoming PTA Events, Cindy Potter

- Kid mail is every Thursday.
- The Big Buzz comes out once a month.
- The Baby Buzz comes out all other weeks.
- 9/29 is the BEE Green Sustainability committee meeting. Brand new this year.

9-Other Business and Closing, Cindy Potter

- After school programs have many new choices this year.
- Cathy Gentino is in charge of Chinook books. They are \$20 and for each one sold \$10 goes to the school.