

CHCS Elementary Parent Council
Minutes
November 11, 2009

Third Parent Council Meeting of 2009-2010
Meeting Facilitator: Lisa Treadwell

Called to Order and Opening Prayer

Todd Hopkins opened with prayer and devotional.

Introductions

A total of 39 people attended the meeting and gave their personal introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Trisha Morgan and seconded by Diane Leede.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Bignell welcomed all attending the meeting. He talked about Above & Beyond Campaign and how the link could be tracked to see how many people opened the it. Mr. Bignell and Mrs. Wasem did a brief example of the online calculator to show the tax benefits to families. He also discussed moving tuition to ten payments instead of eleven and he conducted a quick hand vote to get an idea of the parents thoughts.

Principal Report

Mrs. Wasem wanted to thank everyone for volunteering and supporting Dad and Me Breakfast. Everyone really enjoyed the fellowship. At this point the Book Fair was doing very well. Speech Meet is held this Friday with a total of 10 schools and one as far as Nebraska. Starting next year we will only host it every other year and splitting the time with Southeast Christian in Parker. Thanksgiving Food Drive is the 17th and a minimum of 5 items needed to break dress code. The need is great this year and Mrs. Wasem hopes everyone will go above and beyond the basic 5 items. Grandparents Day is Tuesday before break and she hopes that everyone can have a grandparents or special friend show up to this event for the kids. Teachers and Staff are looking forward to the Teachers Luncheon in Dec. Thank you to all the cookie volunteers.

Financial Report

Anne MacDonald reviewed the financial report for the current school year. Teachers Luncheon taken out -\$2680 which leaves us with \$6234 remaining balance.

Guest Speaker

Kelly Tenkely was our guest speaker again with a version of "Are You Smarter Then a 5th Grader?" using the white boards and clickers. Fun was had by all who participated. Only one student at a time can come up to the boards and write because we don't have the software. We only have two sets of clickers for the whole school with 30 in a set costing \$1800-2800 depending on version. Teachers must check the clickers out. Ideally she would like all the classes to have them. Melissa Clark suggested that we buy them for our kids at roughly \$66 each and Mr. Bignell said that they would keep that in mind for funds gathered with the Above and Beyond Campaign. Ms. Tenkely said that she had divided the teachers up into 3 learning groups in order to teach them. Ms. Tenkely is teaching white board classes on Tuesday morning for teachers and it counts for the teachers credits. The great thing about the white boards and how

they are used is that it helps with all types of learners. We associate with stories and learning becomes easier.

Old Business

Mary Flo Ridley is going to sell her product at a discount while she is here tonight in the Atrium. Spring Event Volunteers will be meeting soon and lots of opportunities for people to get involved stay tuned for more information. Love-A-Lunch was discussed again with Diane Leede taking the lead and working with them. They are trying hard to change quickly and take parent suggestions. LAL is going to conduct a kids panel for testing new products to get feedback from their user. It is asked they get more support from the parents since they are trying very hard to accommodate all of our request.

New Business

Kids Running America was discussed as an idea to start Club Fit. The kids really enjoyed running in the morning and studies have shown that brief exercise in the morning makes them better learners. Ideas discussed included circuit training and Tae Kwando. It would be held in the morning for approximately 30 minutes with Mrs. Udell and Mrs. Jones running it. Parent Council was asked for \$500 to cover expenses in regards to Mission Projects and their cost for shipping items. Motion to approve the \$500 expenses by Melissa Clark and second from Camille Hart.

Middle School Update

Diane Greenlaw talked about all the mission projects that the middle schools kids are doing including stocking pantries, selling treats and helping the elderly. It is great to see the kids get it and completely understand the meaning of these missions.

Adjournment at 10:10 am

Next meeting is scheduled at January 13, 2010, at 8:30 in the Fireside Room.