

# FCA PTO Meeting

Approved Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2010

## **Governing Council Members in Attendance**

Principal Randall Larson Blackwelder	Carrie Bennion	Mike & Erica Brown	Todd
Cleverly, Blake Jones (Chairman)	Darrell & Kimberly Fox	Jessica Heide	Derek
Aaron Kudlak	Matt Mitchell	Cheri Neibauer	Joe Parrish

Katy Sheley

Chairman Derek Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any corrections to the February 9, 2010 meeting minutes.

Todd Blackwelder moved to accept minutes as presented. Cheri Neibauer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Cheri Neibauer presented the budget for the previous month. She mentioned that 2 of the 3 fifth grade classes have paid for their Yellowstone trips. Blake Cleverly asked if we were breaking even & Jessica Heide said that she would get back to him. Jessica and Cheri said we did give out 2 or 3 scholarships so far. Todd Blackwelder asked about the status on Mrs. Beecher's DVD \$ that is still in the account. Cheri said that Mrs. Beecher doesn't have an account yet, but is aware that if it is still there by the end of the year, it will roll over into the general funds. Aaron Kudlak moved to accept the report. Mike Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Governing Council Seat Vacancy**

Bryan and Jennifer Chadderdon have resigned their Governing Council seat due to family busyness. Bylaws give authority to GC to fill the vacancy. Kelli Grafton filled out a nomination form in hopes to fill this vacancy. Floor was opened to question Kelli, but no questions were asked. Matt Mitchell motioned to nominate Kelli Grafton to the GC. Todd Blackwelder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Principal Report**

-Principal Larson introduced Kim Johnson (lunch clerk) to talk about the Fresh Fruits & Vegetable grant. It is a program that is run by the state that gives schools fruit and veggies for students for a daily snack with no cost to our school. Kim is working on finding storage as the fruit for the week will be delivered all at once. We will need parent volunteers daily to get the fruit ready (cutting it up) to dispense it to the classrooms daily. The teachers are receptive to the idea. It will start next fall, 3 weeks into school.

-PAWS- Annette Pace is in charge of PAWS directions and scheduling. She has had to change a few things, as there have been a few problems between the school district and the PAWS company. She has put in a lot of hours and has done a great job with it!

-Homework Committee- Darrell Fox has been facilitating this and we have come up with a problem statement; "There are families that feel that kids are spending more time doing homework than the handbook recommends." We will be working on root causes next.

-Kindergarten- We can't do anything with staffing until we get the enrollment numbers. Then we will know how many sections of kindergarten.

-Randy has started 4 new goal teams-

1. Grading systems- Will work to improve alignment grade to grade.
2. 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills- making sure FCA is maintaining the basic skills along with integrating technology.
3. Customer Service
4. Student Supervision

-Thursday, March 18 from 8:00-9:00 Leadership Casper will be touring. They are like the rotary group.

-Some info came home on a couple of Love and Logic training sessions. There is a seminar in town and he encourages parents to attend. Some of our teachers are going through the Love and Logic training, and he mentioned that it would be great if we (teachers and parents) were speaking the same language. If we have enough parents that are interested, we may be able to have a Love and Logic seminar here at the school.

## **Nominees for Governing Council**

Nominees Bruchele & Blake Cleverly, James Bradley, John & Sandra Lutz, Jessica Heide, Erica & Mike Brown, Matt Mitchell, Mike Hammond, Derek Jones, & Lisa Waller introduced themselves. There are 12 nominees and all are eligible. Todd Blackwelder motioned that we include all of them on the ballot. Blake Cleverly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Tile Project**

Carrie said it would be displayed in the hallway. Des will be following up with Randy on the hanging of the plywood to determine how this is to be done.

## **Celebrity Reader**

We are going with a theme this year- "Local Heroes". All but 4 spots have been filled with readers. We are looking for a couple of parents that will meet and greet them and take them to the classrooms. It will be Wednesday, April 14 from 9-11. Derek wanted to thank Matt Mitchell and Tom Neibauer who helped line up EMS and fireman to read.

## **Committee reports**

All committees- please send written reports before the PTO meetings. Also, between now and May, committees need to elect committee chairs so we can hand off info for them before next year.

-Activity- Todd Blackwelder reported for Janet Blackwelder that Family Movie Night is this Friday, March 19 at 7:00 and will be showing Slow Moe. Eastridge Mall theatre will be donating popcorn.

-Library- Carrie Bennion reported- Thanks Janet Blackwelder for creating a virtual file of what books are available. Thanks to Kelli Grafton and Janet Blackwelder for lexiling all of the fiction books. Next year the library will need a new library liaison.

-Communications- Matt Mitchell checked into the Blue Ribbon Award program. We have to apply to state chief school officer, get nominated, then if we meet the criteria and they approve us, a teacher and Mr. Larson would go to Washington to accept the Blue Ribbon award. We need a teacher that is interested to be on the PR committee that would be an official rep that can get together the data needed and then would go to Washington if FCA receives the award. Sandra Lutz mentioned that CCA has got that award, and the teachers that went were Bart Wilder and the instructional facilitator. She mentioned that if we needed any help with any of it, they would be a great resource.

-Elections- According to the bylaws, the floor is closed at the end of this meeting for any more nominations. Todd Blackwelder reported; important dates; March 18- meeting to put together the ballot and look at how to put handbook changes on the ballot. March 29- send home a packet to all families that include the nominee information. April 6- Absentee ballots will be available in the office. April 12- Final letter to families will be sent out as a reminder. April 13 @ 7:00 in gym- Annual meeting and election. That evening- Kelly Grafton and Todd Blackwelder will count the ballots. They have spent around \$30 on ads. Todd Blackwelder asked for an additional \$50 for a 2X7 ft. banner reminding people of the election. The cost of the banner would be around \$117 which would put them \$50 over their budget. Darrell Fox motioned that we give them an extra \$50 for the banner. Erica Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jessica Heide asked about the election box that GC had budgeted for originally for the elections committee. Todd Blackwelder said that he would build one with some left over wood.

-Fundraising- Erica Brown reported that they had their first meeting and there are 4 fundraisers that they discussed starting this spring that can be continued year after year. 1. The Campbell's Soup Label Program- we get 500 bonus points if we sign up now before May. 2. Pizza Hut/Papa Johns fundraiser nights, we pick the nights, they make the flyers. Papa Johns does it with delivery. If you buy on the chosen night, FCA gets a \$ amount per order when we mention FCA. Pizza Hut does it in-house. On the chosen night, FCA would get 20% of the order when we mention FCA. 3. Schwann's Truckload Sale- They have all the info to send out to the families. When we buy; \$750-\$1499 we get 10%, \$1500-\$2999 we get 15%, \$3000- + we get 20%. People out of town can buy gift certificates that can go toward our sales also. The committee wants to do one before the end of the year. We don't need a lot of volunteers, Schwann's does most of it, and then sends us a check when it's all done. 4. Cartridge World- We get 50 cents for every empty ink cartridge. They gave us a box to put them in that will be located in the hallway. They come check it and empty it once a month unless we need it more. We don't need any volunteers for this. Jessica Heide asked if they decided on what they are fundraising for. Erica Brown said that there is nothing specific at this time. Possibly books for the library when we find out the amount, total, deadline, etc. So for now the money raised from these 4 fundraisers will go in the general

fund. Kimberly Fox motioned that we approve these 4 fundraisers. Kelli Grafton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Lisa Waller asked if we knew about the Capri Sun fundraiser. Erica Brown noted that they do know of it, but they counted it out as it would be a sticky situation and the storage for them would turn into garbage cans.

-Handbook- Kelli Grafton reported that the handbook was submitted electronically to GC to approve for ballot. Kelli Grafton motioned that we include the handbook changes on the ballot. Todd Blackwelder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

-Last Blast- Erica Brown reported they will be having their first meeting Thurs. March 25 after school. They are looking for donations for things like bottled water. They will need a tent rental and a dunk tank rental. They are looking for dunkers. They will be discussing if they will try to have someone like Poor Boys cater lunch or have the students bring their own. The date for the last blast will be Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

-Welcome- Katy Sheley reported that they need numbers of new families that are coming from out of town.

Aaron Kudlack motioned to adjourn. Blake Cleverly & Darrell Fox seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned around 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted – Jessica Heide