

NAC Meeting

March 10, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Teachers Report (Nell Ballard-Jones & Bob Herold): The new Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) wants to revamp the WASL system, more news over the next few months as

the SPI comes to some decisions. 9th graders will no longer be able to take the WASL early.

Treasurer's report (Cheryl Sanders): Revenue stream has been slower than anticipated but spending has also been lower. Cheryl has spoken to conference week coordinators about not using their entire budget if possible. We recently received a couple thousand from Microsoft for matching funds/volunteer hours. This will be a tight year. We need someone to step up for the garage sale, that brings in around \$1500 and no one has yet started work on it. There are several families that have not made their annual contribution, we are still \$4000 short. Nell suggested that we do an anonymous Zoomerang survey to find out why parents are not making payments. This will take the onus off teachers from having to be "bill collectors" and off parents who may feel put on the spot if asked directly. Basic questions:

Have you paid or made arrangements? Can you not afford to pay? Do you need a full or partial subsidy? How would you like to be reminded to pay if you are able?

Garage Sale/Fund Raising Plans: Do we have any new ideas to replace the garage sale with a different fund raiser? Connie has volunteered her house as a site for the garage sale again. Some schools have done an auction, if any one has any information, let us know. General consensus was that it is a lot of work and businesses are not able to donate as much as they have in the past. This is a good economy for garage sales but again, a lot of work and can we get donations? The garage sale is a lot of work for Connie. May be late in the year to explore new options, maybe put together a committee to explore other fundraising ideas. One idea was a "spaghetti dinner to go" event. Families would order a box dinner for pick up on a specific night. Another suggestion was to organize a work party for Connie to help get her house ready. Discussed on-line auction sites, they are still a lot of work.

Ski Bus (Bruce Clouse): Last ski trip tomorrow. This is the second bonus trip this year. One chaperone was injured but Bruce put out a call to parents and has gotten a lot more volunteers.

Skate King (Dianna Moore): Do we want another skate king night? Last one was a success, next one will cost a little more. April dates suggested. Their fees has gone from \$400 to \$500. We would need to charge more and get a few more attendees. It was moved that if we could find a date and time that NAC would cover any short fall in funds. It was passed.

New Business: Field trip to Tale of Two Cities coming up this week. The end of year field trip to Victoria will be in May. Also looking at Wild Waves, or similar, for a final fun day. 9th

grade graduation will be in June, possibly the 18th. Emergency Preparedness (Michael Tee): We have enough emergency blankets and ponchos. There were first aid kits and a few other ideas. Michael has put together a list of items that would be good to have. He is also looking for "lockdown buckets" full of basic items in the event that the school is in lockdown for any reason. The buckets can, if necessary, be used as toilets since the bathrooms are not available in lockdown situations. His current budget is \$100 and is looking for an additional \$247 to get all the supplies needed. This is not a recurring expense. Next year the food would need to be replaced but it has a five year shelf life. For kids with food allergies/sensitivities the parents should bring in appropriate items for the school to keep with the emergency supplies for those

kids. It was moved to approve this one time expense of \$247 for emergency preparedness. The motion was passed.

The Safety Online Program is being rolled out in the US. We are the first school in the US to have the program presented.

France asked about the Natural Helpers overnight camp in the budget. Nothing budgeted. Was a program to train kids on how to help at risk kids. Program has faded over time.

Orchids: Michael Tee for inventorying the emergency supplies and doing the necessary research and purchasing. To Bruce Clouse for his efforts on the ski bus. The kids have had a great time.

Next meeting April 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.