

BRE Governance Team Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 5, 2008

Attendance

Peggy Ray, Lori Van Orden, Ronni Ames, Kathryn Lange Turner, Bev Candage, Sue Newberry, Dena Endo, Dana Lally, Maureen Weber, Lisa Gal, Polly Fluharty

Guests: Jennifer Vick, Debbie Gawle, Carol Shear, Katherine Radford

Sign-in and call to order at 8:00 am. Minute approval from February was tabeled.

I Parent's Committee Update – Kathryn Lange Turner
Kathryn Lange Turner reported that all of the news from Parent's Committee Is summed up in the current "Bird's Eye View". Please refer to that on current happenings.

II PTA Update – Polly Fluharty
Polly Fluharty announced that they need a person for the PTA President position.

III Budget Crisis
Bev Candage gave an overview of the Budget Crisis. The Board of Education Is voting next Tuesday, March 11th at a 3:00 p.m. meeting. On proposed Budget cuts at the District Level. Bev Candage has been working on balancing our school's budget plan. She is faced with needing to cut \$60,000.00 from a \$1,836,901.00 annual budget. She was able to save the office staff positions (Ronni 100% and Linda 50%). Through using roll-over money and putting a hold on the Basic Skills Tutor budget (Peggy Wilkenson). Bev was able to find money to apply to the other four areas we are losing funding for, i.e., copier, nurse, noon duty and instructional supplies. She thinks we can use roll-over money for the instructional supplies and noon duty, and possible ½ day nurse, but we are hoping for help from either PTA or Parent's Committee to cover the copier and possibly part of the nurse.

At the district Level, they are looking at potential lay-offs of teachers with 10-years-plus experience.

We discussed what we can do to show support. We need to apply public pressure, make our voices heard, let the BOE know we need to prioritize the cuts, and keep the cuts AWAY from the classrooms. We can do this through PR, media, and going down to the BOE voting meeting in person to protest. We decided a grass-roots effort of teachers wearing black and parents wearing red to the meeting will send a message to the media and BOE that these potential cuts mean "death", and that they are "bleeding us to death".

Polly Fluharty is willing to propose using PTA money towards paying for the copier rather than giving out mini-grants to the teachers next year. Parent's Committee could just focus on funding for the nurse.

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Even though the science teacher (Mr. Weiss), is a contractual position, if for some reason it gets cut, Parent's Committee can possible look at funding for that before the nurse, but most likely the position will still exist.

Traffic and Roundtable discussions were tabled due to lack of time.

The next Governance Team meeting is April 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.