

# BCO February Meeting Notes

## February 2, 2010

Attendees: Ann Randall (President), Sharyl Haas, Gretchen Gerding, Donna Boudreau (Vice President), Deana Davalos (Secretary), Jim Muller, James Owiny, Leann Brown, Rob Wessel, Angela Guggemos, Melissa MacEachran

- Grant Requests-None
- Book Closet Update
  - Need more donations
  - Have primarily Preschool-K, need more diverse selection
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (\*Teacher Appreciation Week May 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Review/Suggestions
    - February 22<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Sock Hop Updates (January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30)
  - Net: approximately \$2,000
  - Coffee bar appreciated
  - Usborne Bookfair was successful
  - Issues
    - Ran out of food
    - Monitors may have been too tentative to enforce rules
  - Next year
    - Address safety issues (running in halls)
      - Safety officer?
    - Being respectful of school property
      - Maybe thank you cards/gifts for custodial staff
      - **APPROVED-Gift cards for Sue & Cindy (\$20 x 2 = \$40)**
    - Volunteer Suggestions
      - Work on lines
      - Maybe rules about how many cakes families should claim?
    - Spring Event?
      - Black top event?
        - International night? Bouncy House Carnival?
          - International
            - Multiple rooms with different cultures
            - Passports and at the end, festival on playground
- Principal's Report
  - Boundaries
    - Went to Pond's meeting for boundaries
      - Will likely not be in Bennett's boundary after a couple of years, but will remain school of choice (if changes approved, not until Fall 2011)
    - Still need 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families to host German 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
      - Exchange program with JFK school in Berlin (fluent in English)
      - Host families would be responsible for two weeks (housing, food, etc.)
      - Will be two adult supervisors to check in on all visiting students
      - Currently 20 students between three schools (Bennett, Dunn & Lab)
    - School of Choice applications due February 12<sup>th</sup>
      - Waiting for Kindergarten (@73, will likely be around 100)
      - Later grades do not have as much demand, so room is available for those grades for school of choice
        - Different demographics, not as much new building, fewer families with older children moving in

- This trend will likely remain for next 2-3 years
    - 1-2% growth estimated for next couple of years
  - May try to increase class sizes to 25
  - What do budget cuts mean for Bennett?
    - Campus improvement team will be assessing
      - Will lose certified Spanish teacher and go back to Spanish tutors
  - Solicited feedback about student teachers
    - Maybe provide parents with Introductions to student teachers
- Treasurer's Report
  - \$36, 609.01 Balance as of February 2, 2010 (including \$2,200 gift to school for document cameras)
  - Could invest in short-term CD?
- BCO Position Descriptions
  - Will post this week
    - Should we have term limits?
  - Positions Filled
    - Donna Boudreau-President
    - Deana Davalos-Vice President
    - Diane Wenzel- Stampede Co-Coordinator; Wellness Coordinator
    - Alex Jordan- Boundary Coordinator
    - Jill Lowry-Cake Walk Coordinator & Staff Appreciation Coordinator
    - Wendy KahaneK-Chili Support Coordinator
    - Sharyl Haas-Volunteer Coordinator; Stampede Co-Coordinator
    - Murielle Watzky-Book Fair Coordinator; NEED ANOTHER
    - Jim Muller- Stampede Co-Coordinator; Assist with Fundraising; Morning Fresh Coordinator
    - Gretchen Gerding-Sock Hop Coordinator
    - District Advisor Board Representative-Rob Wessel
- Small School Discussion Sessions

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> is next BCO Meeting**