

BCO 2010 – May Meeting

Attendees: Ann Randall (President), Sharyl Haas, Gretchen Gerding, Donna Boudreau (Vice President), Deana Davalos (Secretary), Deb Couture, Denise Ruybal (Treasurer), Mark Oberschmidt, Jim Muller, Melissa MacEachran, Robert Wessel, Jill Lowry, Murielle Watzky, Diane Wenzel, Clarisa Capone, Angela Guggemos, Mr. Schooler

Introduction of visiting 5th Grade Teachers from Berlin

Grant Requests-None

International Day

- Gratitude to Clarissa and Mark
NOTES- Pushing it any later than April would be difficult and it may be preferable to move it back a little earlier (had a little trouble getting folks together at the end of the semester).
- Teachers noted that it is great at the end of the year to wrap up themes
- Mixed feedback from teachers about whether half day is preferable to full day
- It would be nice to rotate presentations to try to expose students to as many countries as possible from year to year
-Mr. Schooler suggests that we do it next year and move International Peace Day celebration to this event

Stuffed Animal Drive

-Successful drive, Sharyl presented photo of all the animals collected by Bennett Elementary and Zach Elementary

Service Project

- Rescheduled to this Saturday
- LaPorte Avenue, will be marked with flags
- Since trees are so little, make sure that the right end goes in the ground ;)
- The more parents around, the better

Book Fair

- May 7-12th
- Still organizing volunteers
-Need volunteers for Tuesday, May 11th afternoon

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

- Luncheon successful
- Gift cards were put in boxes this afternoon
- Handing out coffee tomorrow morning
- Will have drawing for three massages this week
-Next year may try to encourage parents to donate more services/gifts for drawings, etc.

Book Closet

- Donations are going well
- Need to problem solve for greater access to books
- Will try to move select books to workroom

Principal's Report

- Walking & Riding Days
 - Thanks to Melissa!
 - Great success other than weather (rain cancelling Bicycle Rodeo)
 - Thanks to Mike and Black Eye Bikes for donation of bicycle
 - One Bicycle was given away that was donated by the city
- Connection to Ms. Siripachana's cousin, Dottie Metcalf-Lindenberger from Space Flight was a great experience

- She took Peace Pole to outer space and will return it to Bennett Elementary sometime this month when she visits Bennett Elementary
- Mr. Schooler will work on a gift to show our gratitude to Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger
- Boundary Update
 - Double busing for 2011-2012 so that Ponds residents would have transportation for kids until fall of 2012
 - May open breakfast earlier so that parents could drop off a little earlier
 - Will have to consider options for 2012-2013
 - No exceptions to contiguous boundaries
- Announcement from Representatives for German Exchange Program (students coming from Berlin)
 - Program Notes
 - 500-600 Euros for the flight and travel
 - Recommended that each child bring \$100
 - Preparation went very smoothly
 - 19 students arrived in April
 - Had to conduct a lottery
 - Every child had contact with host families before arriving
 - Most children adjusting very well, one or two homesick
- Hiring
 - Five positions at Bennett
- Exhibition going very well
 - 20 expert interviews scheduled this week
 - Quite a bit of work, but going very well
- Preparing for 5th Grade graduation
- CSAP Scores
 - 5th in the District
 - 91% of 3rd graders at grade level or above

New Business

BCO Events/To Dos

- Ann developed list of events and dates
 - Added Stampede Pep Rally date
- Lulu to take over Directory
 - Move business cards to the front
 - What about paper copies versus electronic
 - Maybe add an option for electronic instead of paper

BCO Budget Updates

- After taking remaining expenses out of account, balance is \$26,946.42
 - Pending (5th grade Graduation \$400, 1st Grade Grant (bus fee) \$60, Teacher Retirement Party \$200 & Starbucks Gift Cards (pending)
- Ideas for next year
 - Maybe consider removing Membership Fees for BCO so that parents don't feel that if they didn't pay, they cannot be involved
- Funded Grant Requests at portion of request
 - Since we have surplus, could go back and fund portions that were not funded
- Mr. Schooler proposed that instead we commit funds to technology
 - To impact the most students and stay focused on past commitments to the school, technology commitments would be the best

- Buying technology during the summer will save some funds to make purchases over the summer so that extra funds not be sent on contractors in the fall
- **Committed \$10,000 to technology purchases**
- For Fall
 - Gold C Books & Poinsettia
- Bennett Clothing
 - Hoodies, IB merchandise, Golf shirts for fathers and grandfathers
 - Booth at Back-to-School Night
 - The more items, the less expensive
 - Bennett water bottles and hoodies could be prizes for Stampede