

**Strandwood PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**  
**Strandwood Library**

**Call to Order:** 6:30 pm – Sue Noack

**In Attendance:** Sue Noack - President, Ellen Javete – Asst. VP Hospitality, Lea Harrington – VP Way & Means, Martha Alexander – Asst. VP Ways & Means, Jeff Eide – VP Communications, Noga Kessler – VP Programs, , Katherine Bracken – Auditor, Shanna Holden – Historian, Stephanie Canon – VP Hospitality

**Absent:** Orlando Guzman – Asst. VP Communications, Lisa Ahearn – Treasurer, Marta Senz – Financial Secretary, Leslie Shanks –Asst VP. Programs, Jennifer Murov – Secretary, Blanca Nelson – Parliamentarian,

**Welcome and Agenda**

- Agenda handed out (attachment)

**Secretary's Report**

- Jennifer is not in attendance

**Treasurer's Report**

- Sue will email treasurer's report electronically, there has been software issues. Will be clean before it is sent. Treasurer is not in attendance

**Principal's Report**

- BZ time, report cards coming up.
- Shorter year? Not yet known, unions have to approve after negotiations. Administrators agreed to be furloughed 3 days, after school is out
- Letter of notification to 2 teachers. Pink slips later, if they happen
- Special Ed cut 2.8 million dollars, for the next 3 years. Approve number now, figuring out details later. Recommendations are far from class room
- 73 for kindergarten for next year, low
- request from Kim Kolbeck, (science IA) for butterflies= \$90

**Specific Topics**

- How much money do we keep in reserve, and a better way to reserve money, for hiring assistants next year. Need to think about this. Look at this with email treasury report. Look at 'cash CDs' and 'projected excess' to provide reserve for salary positions (IAs). We will have measure S funds left over which should go directly to IAs for next year (since we only paid for half this year, by the time

they got hired.) Motion made and passed to continue, and expand one classroom IA (see motions). Had already talked about putting the excess money into money market instead of CDs for easier access. We will be \$10-15k excess, plus CDs, how much to keep in reserve. Look at reserving without the classroom IAs as the logical place to cut if necessary, since we have lots of parent help. M Kim says small group instruction is best at all levels, teachers have adjusted, but it will never be easy to have 31:1. Jumpstart day: have it on the to pay sheet "IAs for class

- Ed one stop, accelerated reader due to renew this year, but is not budgeted in this year's budget. Site council has both of these taken care of for next year. Yeah!
- Technology committee (now a bigger group), not looking at big money yet cuz still waiting for district ok. M Kim to make sure we allot the money for the tech committee. Possibly 100/month (Comcast) for site fee. Infrastructure between school and district limits us, questions to district if we can stream line that. Hardware is cheap to change. And what should each grade level be able to do (in regards to technology skills) before they leave Strandwood. Plus a parent education night, or two, to keep up with the kids and allow the kids to get on the internet safely and effectively, starting in fall.
- Lots of ideas: In the vein of the Superintendents suggestion of having AP classes on line, if we can't have it on each campus, we could video a teacher for a Parent ed on line component. Home folder access via internet. Media lab in library set up correctly. DSi units instead of buying computers, etc
- Need committee for next meeting to review bylaws. Financial secretary and evp need to be added in there especially. Need non board members to be on the committee. Should be short duty. [We are volunteering Leslie and she well grab 2 peeps on the way in.]
- Legislation support: Changing parcel tax (school district tax) vote to 55 instead of 2/3rds—maybe hit the room parents to hit parents at drop off and pick up. But may not be ok on school grounds. Each of us to get 24 signatures from our own neighborhoods. Also to bring up at general meeting so Sue can get them all to the PTA. Sue will send us link to print off papers. Time line by April 1<sup>st</sup> form says later (May). Need 1,000,000 signatures for whole state. Also will have it in Roadrunner, along with legislature letters, so people can drop to PTA and we will mail to each legislature.
- Follow up from last meeting: Mr Brown set and costumes from last year. Propose \$250 to help out with his cost. He has used a lot of our money, compared to other teachers. We grumpily approved, grumpy because it is *after the fact*. So we agree we need some process to deal with this. Wish Lists revisited, was a very equitable process for teachers and all knew about it. So maybe \$X in fall, \$X in spring. Teacher and grade allotment is another way of approaching it, and can share with other teachers, and teachers (M Kim) would respond back so we would know what had been done with the money. Have to approve in General mtg, but will work toward \$1000 for spring teacher allotments
- Parent liaison Grade level reps still outstanding

## Updates

### VPs

#### Jeff Eide/Orlando Guzman - Communications

- We have the Volunteer Bulletin Board, is going up on Sunday. Available after that to decorate. Holders to be hanging off with Roadrunner. Calendar off roadrunner to be included on board

#### Noga Kessler - Programs

- Make a Difference Day for March 27<sup>th</sup> 9-5
- Fri 30 April: bike to school day
- 7 May K-5: Read and Dream book trade. Bring in grade level read and dream book and swap for same.
- Jump start day, after school concert band table be set up, including instruments for trying, and string ensembles. To start 1 Sept. Can sign up at Jump start day.

#### Lea Harrington – Ways & Means

- Auction final around \$56-57,000 NET!!
- PH Community Center was to be demolished and rebuilt, so have been looking at other venues: boundary Oaks (off Walnut Ave), can get more people, but more drive. They do linens and food. Ticket price will go up because food price will go up, in negotiations right now for cost. But now, community center will not go down til 2012. Talk of more people, better sound, limo/cab. Cost now is \$30 (sell at \$40), up \$10 for new place, so would be \$50 per ticket.
- Fri 27 Aug, Back to school BBQ, first Friday of school. Separate from Jump start day (the Monday before the first day of school). Possibly music and ...

#### Stephanie Canon – Hospitality

- Staff Appreciation is next week! Spread the word, 'think of your teacher next week.' Do the extras for the teachers for this week.
- Thurs 25 March 7:00 DARE
- Kindergarten mixer 13 May
- Don't drink PTA water, leave it alone so we have it for gen mtgs. May have a bigger issue than just hospitality's water. Need to figure out safety.
- Honorary service awards: Melanie and Martha. May need more than just the two of you, needs to go out now.

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## Motions

1. Ellen motion to approve 90 for butterfly, passed
2. Martha move to approve minutes, passed

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3. Martha moves to approve 6 classroom IA (5hours), reading IA(19hours), science IA(19hours/week), art (5hours/week), site tech I (9) for school year 2010-2011. approved
4. Lea moves to approve one more IA at 5 hours per week. Approved
5. Martha moved to approve to reimburse Mr Brown \$250 for set and costumes for last year's play. Approved
6. move to approve funds up to \$1000 for special projects as requested by teachers
7. move to release special snack fund for STAR testing of \$500.

**Announcements**

Buy mavericks (outdoor ed)

Buy sees candy (outdoor ed)

April 22 Back 40, for PTA, not just for outdoor ed

Next eboard mtg will have old and new eboard invited

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm**