

## COAL CREEK ELEMENTARY PTA MEEETING MINUTES

Oct.2, 2009

Attendees: Lisa Hughes, Meredith davis, Sandy legeer, Tricia Slovacek, Janet Muson, Cristina Ligthiser, Sue and Rob Kelly, Nancy Stern, Danielle Fagan, Scott Johnson, Cindy White, Kurt Hofgard, Daphne Biener, Sarah Rosenberg, Jodi Ealy, Heidi Heineke, Lisa Beauchamp, Shari Schnee, Tracy Kessner, Holley Wheeler, Carmen Brown, Linda Polanowski, Leslie Hoffman, Robin Nickles, Val Weber, Maria Scroggs, Sandra Bush, Ime Salazar, Beth Wall- Macht, Gia Wiener, Josh Wiener, Peggy Morgan

1. Minutes from the Sept meeting were approved. Heidi made motion to pass minutes, Kurt Hofgard 2nded.
2. Janet Munson was presented to be elected to PTA Board as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP so she can be covered on the PTA insurance. Rob Kelly moved motion, Tricia seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Guest Speaker- ANN COOPER- Interim Director of BVSD nutrition services. She took many comments and questions
  - A. Heidi H reported that 5<sup>th</sup> grade has almost no food left by time they get to lunch. Ann will correct by Monday. Heidi also asked about Ann partnering with PEN to get the word our to wider audience and educate families about the new food and school food project. Ann said she would welcome opportunity to come or her staff.
  - B. Yesterday was only 30<sup>th</sup> day that they have been live and they have spent much of that time dealing with logisitics. CU interns will be coming in to conduct tastings with students for the food.
  - C. Questions raised about Garden program and starting a garden at CC- Ann responded that the Grow Foundation is in charge of helping to start gardens at schools and that they do separate fundraising. She suggested contacting Bryce Brown there. The whole school needs to buy into the garden idea and want it. Planting is easy, sustaining it is hard and costs a lot of \$. The Grow people have raised 150K so far. Whole school community needs to be willing to help maintain it. Ann is willing to help shepherd with Bryce to find out what steps are needed around this.
  - D. Birthdays and Season of Sharing bake sale- Someone brought up ? of whether there is a district policy about not bringing sugar treats and not having bake sale. She said it is a SITE BASED decision for now and that there is no policy related to non- cafeteria food events at this time. Ann is presenting policies around this to the school Board regarding all food in the district. The Bd will decide what to do at that point. They will be posted on website on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Draft is on website now.

- E. Compost and recycling- We are not doing it at CC right now- Ann says again it is a site based decision and needs community support- can become Green Star school through ecocycle.
- F. Many issues around hot lunch- quality, appearance, etc. Ann eats lunch in a school everyday and the cabinet is eating everyday as well. She mentioned interns again and adult volunteers to eat with kids, and assess what they think.
- G. Food allergies- Janet asked about . There is a complete allergen list of every menu item on the website. Product info would only change if vendor changes. Now that food is being made in district and then shipped to schools can control a bit more. ALL Elementaries are peanut free with district food.
- H. Presentation of food- and variety- menu repeats a lot- Right now menu is on a 4 week cycle and pasta is every Thurs but they change sauces- usually offer 2. Putting more choices in the cycle can be problematic. Next year there will be a longer cycle of food. If you have allergen concerns the kitchen can make a specific salad for your child and keep in fridge for very specific allergies- email Ann about this if you have this issue.
- I. Hotdogs- yey and nay on this- there has to be a balance of what they offer- now offering all beef kosher dogs, and veggie dogs and it's only 1x a month.
- J. Sandy asked what happened to the alternate choices they had last year if you don't like main lunch- Response: alternative is salad bar. This has protein on it and saves waste and time and \$.
- K. School food project- the project has raised 200k so far this year- and it has been used for capital equip. has been used for spoons and staff training . \$ doesn't go to payroll and the actual food.

- 4. Thanks to Scott Johnson for donating food today. He does tree care.
- 5. Fundraising: Jogathon raised just over 20,500 which is 82% of our goal. Kudos to Mr. M for his work on this.

Linda Polanowski suggested looking into company matching and reminder to those who work at matching companies to do this. Just need school tax ID #.

Tye dye t shirts will be delivered Monday and to teachers on Tues, have students wear Weds for walk to school day. T- shirts have raised almost \$900 and payback books have raised about \$1600. Someone suggested sending notice at beg of year notifying parents that payback books will be coming home.

Sandra B suggested that we make a list of the fundraisers available on the website. Discussed that when we decide on fundraisers for next year we can put out a list of those before end of this school year so parents will have a list.

Sara R wants to projects like original works with adults and have coffee.

6. Principal Report- John discussed SIT goals and that math is school focus this year especially concentrated on improving math skills of those on free and reduced lunch. Resiliency skills will also be worked on with girls around playground issues- this was result of climate survey. Teachers will do prosocial situations with kids in class and discuss.
7. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Anna Stewart from BVSD Parent Resource Center is speaker.