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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

5:00pm

New Day and Time

I. Preliminary

A. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by the Board President at 5:14

B. Roll Call

Present were: Linc Fish; President, Kim Hawley; Vice President, Stephanie Baldwin; Secretary, Chica Love, Richard Barrera, Donna Barnes, Jennifer Currie, Eric Seastedt; Directors, Anthony Villasenor, Morgan Weir; Teacher Representatives, Dr. Wendy Ranck-Buhr; Principal, Ken Rochells; Business Manager, Suzette Southfox; PSA President. Absent was Colleen Emenegger, who had an excused absence.

II. Approval of Minutes- *Motion made to approve minutes, Seconded and motion approved.*

III. Communications

A. Oral Communications-There was no public comment at this time.

C. Board/Staff Discussion There was not a teacher's report.

IV. Information/Action Items

PSA Report/Outreach

Suzette Southfox reported Teacher Appreciation week starts May 1st. The schedule is as follows: Monday; Flower Day, Virginia Bays, PSA Treasurer, will be selling flowers before school, from 8:00-8:45. Tuesday, May 2nd, National Teacher's Appreciation Day, Note of Appreciation, Wednesday, bring something from the Teacher's Wish List. Thursday, Classroom Clean-up and Friday, Surprise Day.

At the last PSA meeting 22 people showed up and Dr. Wendy was the guest speaker, PSA elections are coming up and Suzette Southfox, CJ Lucke, and Rick Trepte are not seeking reelection. There was much

discussion about trying to establish more PSA interest and it was discussed having the elections in the beginning of the year, possibly October, instead of in May, and also changing the meetings to the day time. It was reported that there are families who have not completed their 54 hours and would like to complete projects during the summer. Dr Wendy reported that she will be working on an article titled, "What it takes to be a parent in a cooperative school." She would like to get together from representatives from the parent body, PSA, Board, PSC, and staff to help her work on it.

The next PSA meeting will be May 3rd and a detective from the Internet Task Force will be the speaker.

Principal's Report-

The Principal's Report in its entirety is on the SDCCS website.

There are currently 24 positions available at SDCCS. 17 of those are 8th grade slots. Dr. Wendy was pleased to report that we have deep waiting lists at all grades for the next school year. SDCCS will not be accepting any new spots for grades under 8th because those spots are already promised to students for next year.

The staff is busy getting ready for STAR testing starting May 1. There has to be 100% participation and the PSA is offering incentives to help that happen. Dr. Wendy reported that in order to line up with the high schools grading schedules and requirements, the middle school will be getting report cards on a Semester system, instead of a Trimester, which is currently used and will continue to be used in the lower grades. The 1st and 3rd quarter will have progress reports at the end and there will be finals at the end of the 2nd and 4th quarter.

Dr. Wendy was pleased to announce that she hired Patrick Sargent for the Recreation Specialist and Extended Day.

There was a fire drill on 3/24/06 all staff and children were evacuated and accounted for in 3 minutes 26 seconds.

Dr. Wendy asked the Board for permission to seek a restraining order against a citizen who consistently attempts to interact with the staff and students. She received the verbal permission from the Board.

Dr. Wendy has been working with the staff regarding the 2006/2007 calendar.

Motion made to approve 2006/2007 calendar as submitted. Seconded and motion passed.

Officer Election

Motion made to accept Eric Seastedt as the Board Treasurer. Seconded and motion passed.

Formation of Nominating Committee

Board Vice President Kim Hawley, Secretary Stephanie Baldwin and Director Jennifer Currie's term is up this June. Stephanie Baldwin will not be running for reelection. There was much discussion about how to fill her seat, and what the definition and focus of the Board will be. The In the past, the Board has had a "working dinner" to establish goals. Jen Currie will formulate a plan to discuss how the Board is evolving, and what the needs of the Board are. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Revision of By-Laws

Jennifer Currie will formulate a plan to see what the needs are of the Board. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Update on "Walks on the Wild Side" and Non-Profit Status-

CJ Hawk and Merrill DeGraff reported that their website, www.walksonthewildside.org is up and running and has received lots of interest from their ad in the San Diego Family Magazine. They have begun to sign up "campers" and are very excited for the summer. They will partner at the SDCCS booth for Earth Day. They plan to complete the business plan in early May and submit it to the Board for a vote at the May Board meeting.

Facilities Report

Please see Principal's report for more information.

The district school board does not have the parameters set up for Prop. 39 for the 2007/08 school year. When they do, the Facilities Task Force will meet with them about Prop. 39, Fremont Elementary. In the mean time, Linc Fish and Bill Harris are working with the Old Town Planning Committee and Old Town Chamber of Commerce to establishment a relationship between the SDCCS community and the Old Town Community. City Councilman Kevin Falconer has written a letter to the school board on SDCCS' behalf.

Finance

Ken Rochells reported that the budget looks good. SDCCS is currently awaiting news to see if a P.E. grant was awarded to the school.

Charter Renewal-

The Charter is being fast-tracked by the district. The petition is on the San Diego Unified School District May 9th agenda.

Principal Evaluation Task Force

Jennifer Currie presented a document that had a Faculty & Staff survey of the Principal, a School Community survey, a principal self-evaluation survey, and a Principal's Report Analysis tool. Most of the report was created from last year's Evaluation Committee, (EC). It was decided that the parent survey is too cumbersome so it will be worked on before the survey is disseminated to the stakeholders. The survey will be an on-line

survey and for people who do not have Internet access, there are several computers in the office or classrooms that will be made available for use.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Future Agenda Items

Discussion of what policies need to be reevaluated and rewritten.