

Parents' Council Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2010

Attendees: Anne Goodman, Kathy Brindle, Deb Ryan, Sandra Timmerman, Drew Boster, Beth Heaney (apologies for any omissions!)

- Anne Goodman opened the meeting with approval of the April meeting minutes.
- Sandra Timmerman gave the treasurer's report. April shows Scrip and Rivermont wear monies going in, with payouts for Scrip. We are still not even on Scrip—the actual numbers are not known since we have yet to receive invoices. Anne will send out a reminder asking for orders prior to the end of school. Sandra stated that, without knowing how much money is in the account, it is difficult to know how much we are going to be able to pay on the Clavinova. We owe the school roughly \$3800 on the Clavinova. Sandra suggested that budget numbers get looked at and adjusted for next year. Carrie Bowman will be treasurer next year and has asked that \$1500-2000 be carried over in the account for beginning of the year expenses. Other expenses still coming out of this year's budget are the graduation reception and the faculty/staff lunch.
- Drew Boster thanked Parents' Council for the \$500.00 donation to Fund-A-Need at the Auction this year, \$200.00 in Hy-Vee scrip cards, fun, and camaraderie. He also gave an update on the Annual Fund status, which is at \$175,268. Currently, we are at 73% parent participation in the drive with the senior and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class reaching 100% participation—the drive continues until the June 30. Drew thanked the Auction Committee for all of their hard work and asked opinions on how the event can be better in the future. It was discussed that it needs to be communicated that the Auction is NOT a Parents' Council event, but a school event. It would also be helpful in the future to know who the Auction Committee members are early on, as to avoid unnecessary confusion. Overall, the Green Gala was a well attended and fun event for all who were able to participate.
- The National History Day Competition will have a team attending from Rivermont. A trivia night is scheduled as a fundraiser on May 21. It was voted on to donate \$200.00 from Parents' Council to offset the expenses of this trip. Anne will talk to Leigh Ann Schroeder (sponsor) about using the extra Happy Joes cards to either sell, or hand out as winning prizes. Beth Heaney will check with the Business Office to see if there are any gambling regulations/restrictions on holding a 50/50 raffle the night of trivia at the school.
- Kathy Brindle and Anne Goodman discussed the Nominating Committee/Volunteer Slate for next year. Kathy is still working on a room parent for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The list of Parents' Council volunteer positions for the 2010-2011 school year was approved.
- The last events for Parents' Council this year are the Faculty Appreciation Lunch which is June 4 at 11:30. Chae Hee Porubcin and Vicki Wallace are co-chairing this event. It is suggested that parents stop by if they are able to thank their children's teachers for all that they do. The Graduation reception will be later that evening—Kamala Reddy and Shobha Babu are organizing the reception.

- New Business:
  - Margy Dobbelaere (Grade 2 teacher) is retiring at the end of this school year. Her reception is Sunday, May 16 from 4-6 p.m. in the Mansion. This event is open and all are welcome to attend and show appreciation for Mrs. Dobbelaere!
  - Back to School supply kits are available again this year for online purchase from the “Write Stuff” company. These are kits that are pre-packaged and delivered directly to the classrooms prior to the beginning of school. Notices have been put in headlines and on main door entrances. The chairpersons are Heidi Storl-Desmond and Jennifer Kearney. This is a great way to alleviate the back-to-school supply shopping headache AND support Parents’ Council at the same time.
  - The Welcome Back Coffee is scheduled for August 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the circle (weather permitting). Vicki Wallace is the chairperson for this kick-off event!

***THE NEXT PARENTS’ COUNCIL MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 8, 2010  
AT 8:30 a.m. IN BECHERER HALL***