

FSO Leadership Team Minutes
Wed., Nov. 17, 2010
6:10, OCEAA Staff Lounge

Members present: Alma Ahumada, Gabriella Gonzalez, Marissa Muñoz, B ea Tiritilli, Regina Milan-Ruiz, Karla Mendoza, Angelica Jimenez, Arizay Aparicio, Veronica Cortes, Adan Correa, Yvonne Noffal, Linda Hardman Greene, Elizabeth Bausman

1. Minutes approval of 10-20-10: Elizabeth moved to approve with change of the spelling of student rep. Bustos. Someone seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously less one abstention (Regina Milan)

2. Student Leadership Team report, Adan Correa: He said skate party is planned for Thurs., Dec. 2. Dance details are being finalized for Jan. 28. They are still looking into decoration ideas. They would like to buy sign-making markers for \$500, and believe it is worth the investment.

3. Y. Noffal, teachers' report: Riley's farm price is still being looked into (may be \$50 or \$60 per student). Teachers have some questions about how the winter fundraising raffle will work. More family involvement is needed for Holiday Extravaganza. A new sixth-grade teacher is starting and she expects a smooth transition.

4. Principal's report, Linda Hardman Greene: For charter renewal, Linda said the school agreed to implement a strong English Language Development program. To aid that program, she wishes to purchase 14 additional: Epson Powerlite S7 Projectors; Elmo Teachers Document Cameras; and Adjustable Carts. Y. Noffal demonstrated use of the equipment and explained its benefit in the classroom. Linda said she is hoping FSO will contribute part or all of the \$17,085.45 cost. We discussed this and returned to the topic later in the meeting (see item #12).

5. Treasurer's Report, M. Munoz: The budget has been finalized and she passed it out. She gave bank account balances orally: Savings: \$23,715; Checking: about \$11,000; CD: \$15,470.

6. Membership report: Irma was absent, but E. Bausman reported that no class has reached 100% yet; however, one is coming close.

7. Fundraising activities: O. Rico was absent, but Y. Noffal discussed the winter raffle and how to clear up some confusion about how this fundraiser works. Gabby said she sent out an email about it to the teachers, and that further info. to parents may be helpful to clarify how it works.

8. Volunteer coordinator: we don't have one, but E. Bausman said a larger percentage of parents than ever have turned in volunteer commitment forms. Cami Hanson may be taking over as Boxtop Coordinator. A suggestion was made that Fresh and Easy receipts could be collected from customers as they leave the store.

9. Tracking participation, K. Mendoza: Parents need to sign out, but she's hoping parents will catch on second trimester so their hours can be properly tracked.

10. Fall Festival: Sylvia Garcia was absent, but Alma said there were not enough volunteers. Since Alma had a similar problem with DDLM, she thinks we need to try different tactics. Suggestions: better communication, stronger verbal requests, prominent requests in parent bulletin, find a volunteer coordinator, update phone bank, etc. Also, Sylvia purchased many games and decorations for the festival, and we need a place to store them. Her budget went a little over: \$1,108, but only \$1,000 had been allocated. Béa motioned to spend the extra \$108, Regina seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

11. Dia De Los Muertos, Alma Ahumada: She was a little disappointed by the lack of volunteers. The event has grown, and next year she wants to form a committee to organize it. We need to improve our altar with more student art next year, and perhaps our students can perform next year.

12. Winter fundraiser, A. Ahumada: We may be out of compliance with the 501 (c) regulations for this. Discussion: We need to do a better balance of education and other community events, not just do fundraising, in order to better meet this nonprofit criteria. Alma's proposal of how to spend raffle profits: Let's donate everything beyond a \$2,000 profit toward the price of electronic technology described in the principal's report. Gabby seconded. Elizabeth didn't think the raffle should figure into the electronics budget, and pointed out that our vote would only be to take this to the parents for approval at a general FSO meeting. After considerable discussion, Alma withdrew her motion with the understanding that there will be greater support and involvement by teachers and OCEAA school board for our fundraising events in the future. Linda proposed that FSO fund the entire \$17,085.45 from existing savings. Béa seconded. Elizabeth abstained, but otherwise, the proposal passed unanimously, and will be taken up with full membership at our next general meeting.

13. Volunteer participation, Lilia Cantoran: Could parents give a donation instead of giving volunteer hours? If so, what should the rate be? Another possibility discussed is to find volunteer events with flexible hours (library, work-at-home events, etc.) for parents with hectic schedules. Also, perhaps we can promote letting parents who can afford money but not time to pay another parent to complete their volunteer hours for them.

14. Holiday giving: we can collect unwrapped gifts and gift certificates. Teachers will identify families in need to receive these items. Regina will discuss coordinating this with Ms. Rush.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:30.