

## **Dixie Game and School Club meeting**

December 16, 2009

Call to Order: Matt L. -

Approval of the minutes – Evi/Elizabeth

New by-laws Amendment: Creating a new sub committee. Have 5 board members on the committee. Email will go out to the general public asking for 3 additional volunteers.

Meeting 12/16

President's update

Evi and Matt went to coordinating council meeting and discussed solar panels. They are scheduled for installation by April- waiting on addition funding. No school funding for this program all private.

Parent seminar for drug and alcohol abuse TL on 12/9 Patty to send out on general email Dr. Lowhauser asked people to attend a new member board induction on Tuesday at 7pm. General board meeting. Saying goodbye to Linda Armstrong and welcoming new member. Would like a good showing from each school to show our support.

Evi and Matt meet with other schools regarding the walk a thon. Will meet again in January. Wanting to bring our numbers up to theirs.

DCF mentioned the auction. Numbers down with attendees and \$. Not a surprise based on the economy

Kimberly Finn asked if we were streamlining the fundraising efforts. Robin wants to meet with all the treasurers from all the schools before they make a proposal. It is still on the table

We shared numbers that we bring in for the other fundraisers. Moving forward we are looking to have fewer, more productive fundraisers.

Transportation/Bus Services- Andy Hyman

Tables at the elementary schools to deal with busing. Offering a discount on semester passes.

Taking a critical look at busing:

The community would like to provide alternative to cars. We benefit from fewer cars on the rode. With diminishing resources tough choices lie ahead

We are expecting about 80,000 cut with home to school transportation. Different from special ed. We are one of the few districts that own and operate transportation.

An outside consultant will look into the transportation expenses.

10 people have put together a short/long term marketing plan to increase rider ship. This will be put forward to the school board on 1/12 board meeting.

In the spring we had a bus survey. Received ideas that will be used in the marketing plan. Kel Harris is our rep.

We want to know how valuable this service is to community. If bus rider ship is not increased and sustained it will go away

Some ideas to promote the bus system;

Bus day to visit site councils

Buss graphics on campus

Kid to do a drawing contest

More user friendly sign up  
 Working on restructuring fees  
 Better district link  
 Free trial for k  
 Payment plans  
 Phone trees for campus

These ideas will not happen overnight. This may take a year.

Lot of issues to address to make this work.

Lots of budgetary pressures to make this feasible.

Kim Finn asked why we could not use for field trips. This would cost more money.

Drivers are part time work in morning and night. This will increase the cost. Andy stated we need to have people organize a parent to collect the money to pay for the expenses.

Rebecca stated that she thinks the community would pay for the buses if asked. Could we look into the cost for each kid when we went on a field trip. Big responsibility for each parent. Would this be a source of income for the buses? This needs to be communicated to Patty per Andy.

Julie Bloomberg stated bus is convenient, but they buy bus tickets. Bus transportation is safe but wondering why no seat belts. This is a comment heard. Did you explore looking into consolidating resources? Andy stated this was a massive joint powers agreement.

Evi addressed why no buses for Coloma: very hard choice. It was a financial decision. We were the only school to use buses for Coloma. She asked if we could make the threshold a quarter of a mile instead of ½ mile for the school buses. Andy asked Evi to send him an email regarding lowering the threshold.

Elizabeth stated maybe it is time to see if people's needs have changed in the last couple of years regarding field trips.

Noel Olsen wondered if we would see budget cuts in the future which will lead to school bus cuts. Her concern is that we will cut education over the buses. She feels that we should cut buses before education.

Kimberly Finn stated that the dhsc board should look into paying for buses for field trips. Lynn Merrion- If we give up buses we cannot get them back. Andy stated that we would never get them back for our district. Andy stated that when we give up our own bus drivers, training, and routes we will loose control. It will also look different at p/u and d/o because of the additional amt of cars.

Kim Finn stated that people need to understand the complexity of giving up the buses. She did not know half of the facts stated above.

Elizabeth: asked if we can do a different payment plan to take the pressure off the families at the beginning of the month. Have had a history of bad debt. Do not want to be and A/R office.

## VI DCF

Online auction till the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Auction down 20% in attendance. Great evening down in our profits about the same; final numbers in after online auction closes.

Escrip- shop on line through escrip link. Look for email from dcf on procedures. Money

directly to schools.

#### VII Site Council

Traffic: Loop minimizes congestion to Mt. Shasta Placing a right turn only sign out of the loop. Second, place no parking from fire hydrant to entry of the loop. Cannot repaint because only for a limited time during the day.

Removing all signs on Idylberry because cannot enforce.

Sign by daycare stating loop rules

Trying to create a new volunteer loop position. Will oversee room volunteers. Room parents will continue to set up the positions but this person will oversee.

School plan annual document to get state and federal funding - will be on line once complete.

Started our esl meetings crunching numbers to see how many students we have.

#### VIII: Dixie Dinner

Health inspector came yesterday. Passed the inspection

New menu set for next semester - any day we will get menu and Dixie wear on pay planner.

#### IX: Art council

Noel gave the DAC improvement. Art library will be set

Added money to Claire for improvement in supplies - art mats are in the room

Peter pan will be coming on 12/18

Music – now you can go to the DAC website to find out about teachers/instruction

Looking forward to 2 performances for Peter Pan Set building tomorrow.

Outside performances - Marin dance theatre.

February will be Animal to Animal by Marin Theatre Company

Capalera troop in march

Late spring historical reenacting of American history.

#### X Boy Scouts

a. DHSC charters a Boy Scout troop. Josh Archer is the den leader. He has boys from 3- 5 grades. Matt and Evi met with them for their thoughts.

b. No fundraising on site

They are looking for volunteer opportunities on site.

We are looking for a liaison for boy scouts and need to put it into our by-laws.

Kim Finn suggesting that they weed the loop/water the garden.

Andy Hyman asked that they do some recycling to take the work away from the janitors but this happens during school hours.

#### Green Team

District update; had to take a green quiz in our district 38/67 was our district score.

All elementary schools were very similar but MC was a little bit lower.

Have divided up into sub committees so they talk about a coordinated effort in improving their scores. Looking for a policy to model their own school policies

Jr. Green team doing well. Meet every Thursday with an educational activity.

Recycle rex and coupons collected on Friday - money back to classrooms for

environmental education.

## XII CAN DO

Last stretch of can do; 76% for Dixie school 64% district wide 90% of goal.  
Another email to those who have not contributed. 3 different letters going out.

### Treasurer

Pamela not available but p/l to go out

Laptop was purchased to store all our info paper free. Pam working on quite a labor-intensive project of switching over files etc.

Patty will hand down computer for future treasurers.

On track with all fundraisers. All programs funded for this school year.

Purchased elmo doc readers. Lots of nice emails from teachers.

Mrs. Hopkins said they were easy to install/ kids are loving the new technology.

Librarians set a letter to all those involved in the book fair thanking them for all they additional resources given to the teachers.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt- second by Julie.