

FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15
Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2008

Call to Order: Lori Hollasch, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Proper notice of the meeting was given, a quorum was present and the Treasurer's Books were on hand and available for review.

Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2008 Board Meeting: Gloria Fisher, treasurer, suggested that the minutes from the February 7, 2008 board meeting be amended to make clear that the Ice Cream Social and Spaghetti Dinner when combined came in under budget. Cheryl Duncan, secretary, made the change to the draft minutes. Kathy Renner made a motion that the minutes from the February 7, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting be approved. Lori Cobb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

Presidents' Report: Betsy Evensen and Lori Hollasch. Betsy Evensen introduced the new PTSA officer for the 2008-2009 school year. Betsy then discussed the schedule of upcoming PTSA meetings.

-Planning milestones for next school year. The following list of meetings are scheduled for this year and next year's officers to attend.

April 21st – review survey results

April 28th – plan next year's events and calendar

May 5th – plan next year's budget

May 12th – revise standing rules

May 19th – revise standing rules

May 20th – budget, standing rules to membership for vote

-Input needed on family night events and calendar: Betsy stated that the school district wants the PTSA's dates for next year's events by the end of May. Betsy asked for member input on next year's PTSA family events, such as the Spaghetti Dinner. Feedback should be provided to the Executive Committee by April 21, 2008.

-PTSA Council elections update. Betsy announced that the SVSD PTSA Council held its officer elections on April 14, 2008 and that Kathy Renner was voted president of the Council. Betsy also said that the Council asked member units to donate start-up costs to the new Twin Falls Middle School's PTSA. Leslie Kellogg made a motion that the FCES PTSA donate \$200.00 to the Twin Falls Middle School PTSA for said start-up costs. Gloria Fischer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt covered the following topics.

-Discuren Grant: Dan reported that Katie Morris, Miranda Thorpe, and Lori Hollasch met with Greg Coy of the Discuren Foundation and that he was very impressed with the reading program's numbers. Dan is confident that the Foundation will fund the second year of the grant, which is \$38,000.00. This money will be used in part to fund two Instructional Aides and Katie Morris, the Literacy for Life program coordinator.

-Dana Stairs: Dan announced that in addition to the SVSF Educator of the Year Award for K-5, Dana Stairs has also won an AmGen Science Teacher Grant.

-LIT Meeting: Next year's staffing was the subject of the last LIT meeting. Dan said that the staffing model is conservative and now allocates 24.5 teachers for next year. FCES currently has 26 teachers and next year's reduction is due in part to the fact that the

kindergarten numbers have been down the past two years. If the kindergarten numbers increase in the next few weeks, then the staffing allocation should most likely increase as well.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Fischer, treasurer, reported on the following items:

-SVSF: Gloria presented a letter from the SVSF, which reported that the annual fundraising breakfast raised \$85,000.00. Dan Schlotfeldt and SES's principal have written a grant requesting funds from the SVSF. The grant monies would be used to fund reading instructional aides and math and science programs which have resulted from unfunded mandates from Washington State. If the SVSF funds the grant request, each school could receive between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for these programs.

-Cut-off for Budget Requests: Gloria announced that in order to prepare next year's budget, committee chairs need to get their budget requests to her by April 28, 2008. So far only two committees have provided Gloria with their budget requests.

-Budget Surplus Discussion: Gloria announced that the PTSA will have a budget surplus of approximately \$20,000.00 this year. This surplus is due mainly to the Discuren Grant funds. The board discussed different ideas for the use of these funds, including the funding of summer school, the expansion of the reading program into other subject areas, rolling the money over into next year's budget, or setting the funds aside and earmarking them for future funding of the reading program.

Vice President's Report

-Teacher Mini-Grants: Tracy Egan asked Dan Schlotfeldt to check with the teachers regarding their opinions on the present mini-grant program. One idea to change the program a bit is to give each teacher a \$300.00 mini-grant and each grade level a \$1,000.00 grant. Dan will talk to the teachers about this and also remind them to get their receipts from their mini-grants to Gloria.

-Black History Month Materials: Terri Nwokeuku reported that she is working on a list of books and materials for the PTSA to purchase on the subject of Black History and Culture. She is working with Meg Handy to coordinate this purchase, which would also include resource materials for the teachers to use. Terri and Colleen Myers will be talking to the teachers to determine what types of materials they would find helpful. In addition, the teachers may get to attend a workshop to teach them how to use the new materials. Terri will present her final list for purchase at the May 20, 2008 General Membership Meeting for approval.

-Field Day Update: Miranda Thorpe announced that Field Day is set for June 5, 2008 and that the PTSA will fund \$600.00 to Mrs. Flanagan for the rental of one obstacle course bouncer. Mrs. Flanagan would like to see Field Day become part of the PTSA next year.

Committee Reports:

-Nominating Committee: Tracy Egan, Chair, informed the board that the Nominating Committee is currently looking for a third vice-president, who will be voted on at the May 20, 2008 General Membership Meeting.

-Teacher Appreciation: Charlotte Campanella, Chair, stated that this event is set for May 5-9, 2008. She has assembled prize baskets and there will be a raffle gift for every teacher. In addition, something special is planned for every day of that week for the teachers.

-Junior Achievement: Michelle Sellars and Louise Sypher, Co-Chairs. Junior Achievement presentations are set for early June for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Volunteers are still needed.

-Legislative: Cathy Renner, Chair, announced that the SVSD bond failed and will not be put on the ballot in May. The school district states that next year's school population will be served through extra portables and classroom moves. The school board is currently working on a 3-5 year plan that assumes that new construction is not funded. A new bond proposal will be prepared but for now the school board does not know what the proposal will look like.

-Walk-a-Thon: A de-briefing meeting of this year's WAT team will be held and a new goal for next year's WAT will be set before May 1, 2008.

-No Effort Fundraising: Campbell's Soup Labels: Kristin Minner cashed in 24,000 labels and ordered a large amount of playground equipment with the funds.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.