



Buffalo Ridge Education Alliance General Meeting Minutes January 19, 2011

Buffalo Ridge Elementary

Present: Becky Anderson, Christina Duncan, Lesley Gibson, Karin Miller, Elean Gersack, Ally Berggren, Carrie Butler, Sarah Tierney, Joan Gardner, Nancy Fritsch, Carrie Manion, Mischa Agster, Brian Agster, Mayme McDonald, Mamie Black, Jill Johnson

Meeting called to order at 9:15am

Minutes were approved from November meeting

Co-President's Message: Becky Anderson and Christina Duncan

- Fundraiser update will go out in Friday folders in the next couple of weeks
- Bulletin Board will be up in the entry of the school with a calendar and listing of events
- Discussed the "Walk About" program; currently there are 2 staff members at recess. Looking at having additional adult presence from 11:30am-1:30pm, (2-3 parents). This program would involve a training program for all volunteers. Looking at starting the program in the spring
- BREA Call to Service: Starting to get the word out on positions that will be open on the BREA board for the 2011/2012 school year. In addition to current positions, looking at adding a Financial Asst. and new committee positions

Financial Report: Karin Miller

- Giving Tree funds raised to date: \$15,066
- King Soopers dividends to date: \$6,455
- Sally Foster sales raised: \$6,339
- Box Tops funds: \$891
- Purchased Smart Board installations under budget at \$3,000 and Science kits at \$4,975
- Funds available to date: \$30,156

Principal's Report: Ally Berggren

- Workout Wednesday: Promoting Health and Wellness with the staff, which is trickling down to the classrooms
- Just finished open enrollment and only had 7 families, and all were accepted
- Kindergarten enrollment just ended, and there are 70 students, which means we should be able to offer 2 half days and 1 full day
- In the process of researching how to get grants for Ipads

- Contest for kids that would be great for all students to enter; Doodle 4 Google. Child who wins receives a \$15,000 scholarship and \$25,000 for his/her school
- Joan Gardner's employer, Allstate, is offering the school a \$1,000 grant being that she is a volunteer at the school

VP Reports:

Communications: Elean Gersack

- Survey going out in the next 2 weeks online and in Friday folders asking parents how we are communicating. Will also include a blurb on the flier to those who are not receiving e-mails

Ways and Means: Lesley Gibson

- Next Box Top Challenge will be rolled out in the next 2 weeks; this is our last one for the school year. Sherri Rumminger is looking for prize donations
- Extra cookie dough from Sally Foster if anyone would like to purchase more
- Evening with the Arts on March 31st. Each class will do a basket for the Silent Auction. Mrs. Denault is looking for kids who would like to perform that evening in the hallways. Each child will have a piece of artwork displayed in the gym

Hospitality: Christina Duncan

- Coffee with the Principal on February 2nd at 9:30am at HOA #2
- Teacher's Dinner for conferences on February 8th and 10th, from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- CSAP snacks to be provided for students in March
- Staff Appreciation week will by Valentine's Week

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, 1/27: 3rd Grade Show at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, 2/2: Coffee with the Principal at 9:30am
- Tuesday, 2/8: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Thursday, 2/10: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Friday, 2/11: Jump Rope For Heart
- February 14th-18th: Staff Appreciation Week
- Friday, 2/18: Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Monday, 2/21: No school
- Wednesday, 2/23: Deadline for Yearbook Pictures
- Monday, 3/7: No school
- Friday, 3/11: No school
- March: CSAP testing
- March 21st-25th: Spring Break
- Tuesday, 3/29: BREA General Meeting at 2:30pm
- Thursday, 3/31: Evening with the Arts & Basket Auction at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am

