

**Echo Park Elementary Site Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

Present: Amy Orzolek, Laurie DePerez, Sally Soliday, Vicki Short, Michelle Rupp, Paula Kranz, Cheryl Petersen, Evelyn O’Keeffe and Vicki Robole

Absent: Ann Bernard, Tara Opsahl, Susan DeKraker, Carol Ullery, Sarah Pelinka, Jill Nelson and Kristen Scarpetta

Guest: Mike Roelofs and Lisa Boerboon

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 4:30pm

I. Introductions: Welcome

II. Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2008: *Motion to approve by Evelyn O’Keeffe, Second by Laurie DePerez.*

III. Principal’s report:

Kindergarten registration has gone well. To date there have been 90 kids registered at Echo Park.

Lock down drill was very successful. Re-unification drill with staff coming up on March 16th.

Jump rope for Heart raised \$7,500. Congratulations!

On February 2, 2009, a test call was made for the School Connects mass notification system to all parents and guardians of students in our district.

Is there a way to update our phone numbers for the distribution?

After February 2, if you confirm that no one in your household received the call, or if you received the call and do not want to receive future School Connects calls, you can call the district during business hours at 651-423-7724.

You can review and update your phone numbers and email addresses in the student information system if you have a School View (parent portal) account. For information on how to do this, as well as more information on the School Connects service, go to the front page of the district website at www.district196.org. If you do not have a School View account, you can call the school office to review and update the phone numbers listed for your child.

The 3rd grade event will take place on April 6th. The 2nd grade program is tonight on March 3, 2009.

IV. Motion to adjourn: Moved by Vicki Robole. Second by Michelle Rupp.

**Echo Park Elementary Booster Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

Present: Amy Orzolek, Laurie DePerez, Sally Soliday, Vicki Short, Michelle Rupp, Paula Kranz, Cheryl Petersen, Evelyn O’Keeffe and Vicki Robole

Absent: Ann Bernard, Tara Opsahl, Susan DeKraker, Carol Ullery, Sarah Pelinka, Jill Nelson and Kristen Scarpetta

Guest: Mike Roelofs and Lisa Boerboon

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2009, immediately following EP Site Council Meeting.

I. Introductions: Welcome

II. Treasurer’s report:

Read-a-thon made \$10,000, which is over our estimated budget. Boosters paid out K-2nd trip to MN Zoo. Moved some money from checking to savings.

III. Spirit Wear:

Evelyn will be continuing to be contact for Spirit Wear. Lisa Boerboon will be on the committee. Amy discussed changes/additions to the spirit wear. A comment made in reference to making available Eagles spirit wear was declined. There are two middle schools with different mascots, we should be promoting and support Echo Park. There are various retail shops that sell Eagles wear that children/parents can be referred to those stores. Amy will contact Lisa and let her know of this change.

Evelyn & Lisa B will do only sorting and will discontinue the handling of the money. Evelyn to check if EP sorts apparel, does school still get discount?

IV. Spaghetti Dinner & Misc:

Spaghetti Dinner:

Judy will send email to staff and recruit help @ dinner. So far things are going well with the dinner. Lisa & Kim will donate spirit wear sample of apparel to the spaghetti dinner baskets.

Discussion regarding what is appropriate to pay for those who can’t afford the dinner. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that only the dinner will be paid for and no raffle tickets like last year.

School Tool Boxes:

Lisa B. states that Target will no longer include \$5.00 gift card with each order. However, the company has an option online to order these boxes. The order deadline is June 15th. Lisa will be at Kindergarten round up on May 21st to promote this service.

Please note that Lisa will do 2 more years and then she'll be done. This is an easy job for someone to step up and take over. Cost for next year will be \$28 for Kindergarten and \$34 for 1st – 4th grade.

John Coy:

Paula states he'll be here March 9-13th. He'll be working with K, 3 & 5th grade. Third grade will write a book one their own. We'd like Mr. Coy to be in the lunchroom w/desk by where the carnival raffle area was last spring. Letters went to last years 5th graders and invited them to the dinner and they'll meet w/him. Mr. Coy has offered to pay for the 5th grade student dinners. He will also donate books for a basket. He'd love to draw the names of the raffle winners. He's very excited to be here.

2nd Book Fair:

50% off books if we do this book fair. Committee really wants to do this event. They'll make sure it's not conflicting with the 25-cent sale or ice cream social. This was discussed and decided to proceed with event.

Birthday treats:

No treat was the consensus. It's still being tabled at the district level.

Scholarships:

Applications went out to schools. Application deadline is April 17th. Winners will be notified on May 8th. Laurie, Vicki R. and Amy will represent the parents group to go through the applications and Cheryl will find out from staff who wants to participate.

Site Council:

Cheryl will put in Penguin Post that there are 4 openings for the Site Council board.

V. Motion to adjourn: Moved by Evelyn O'Keeffe. Second by Vicki Robole.