

## **APPROVED November 15, 2007**

### **NPA Community Enrichment Committee Minutes October 18, 2007**

#### **Call to Order**

Linda Sogge called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. In attendance: Paula Rand, Kathy Peretti, Linda Sogge, Margaret Rynn, Jim Fisher, Rossana Baker, Khamson Sirimanivong, Kim Hart, Carol Bousquet, Mary Lee Fisher, and joining later, Anne Vonesh, Toni Post.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Carol Bousquet made a motion to approve minutes of September 20, 2007, seconded by Paula Rand. Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Fundraising**

- Painless Fundraising - Kathy Peretti reported on the status of the changing Albertson's Community Partners program. She is ready to distribute the new key ring cards to families, which are linked to NPA's CP account. It was determined that Margaret Rynn will craft an email to families with information about all painless fundraising programs, but with a request to contact Mrs. Fisher before Tuesday to request an Albertson's card be mailed home with grades.
- Barnes and Noble Fundraising – Kim Hart reported that this fundraising event scheduled for November 15-18, is gaining momentum. Music teachers and art teachers have been contacted and evening student entertainment is being arranged. She shared some fliers provided by Barnes and Noble and will forward one of them to Lynn Burch for inclusion in the November newsletter. The committee agreed to select cash rewards from sales instead of gift cards.
- New Fundraising Ideas – Margaret Rynn reported that the Spanish Club is likely to be using the water bottle fundraising idea. Mary Lee Fisher offered to confirm this with Mrs. Ortiz. The committee discussed further the idea of magnets, bracelets, and license plate holders as a fundraising technique. Margaret Rynn will review information about these, and make recommendations at the next meeting about quantities and costs.

#### **Financial Statements**

Margaret Rynn reviewed the financial statements. The committee discussed the cost of subsidizing the free lunch program. Khamson Sirimanivong indicated that she has been looking into grant programs that might help offset costs. It was acknowledged that the cost of the program is only marginally offset by the free dress day monies set aside for this purpose.

#### **Building Community**

- Newsletter articles – Linda Sogge indicated that Lisa Ganey is not available to assist with the newsletter, but that Lynn Burch has offered to continue in this

capacity. It was noted that the deadline for November newsletter articles is near. Carol Bousquet offered to draft a summary of CEC activities for inclusion in the newsletter. It was suggested that Painless Fundraising totals from last school year be included in the article as a means to emphasize the need for participation in these programs. In addition, the graphic image advertising the Barnes and Noble event will be included.

- Web page posting of CEC agendas, minutes – This proposal continues to be of interest to the committee. The pros and cons of posting CEC agendas and minutes were discussed at length. It was noted that other board committees do not post this information, though it would be a way to communicate with the larger NPA community. There was concern about launching into this strategy if it were not done well (i.e. intermittent posting of documents, only some of the board committees posting information). The committee asked for clarification from the Governing Board, asking in essence for endorsement of the desire to post minutes and agendas on-line even if all Board Committees are not communicating in this way. Paula Rand offered to bring this to the Board's attention as part of a summary of the CEC meeting.
- Community Bulletin Board – Khamson Sirimanivong reported that the grant she and Toni Post had submitted for support of the teacher wish list had been granted in the amount of \$2,000. These monies will be used to increase the number of Proxima projectors available centrally in the school for use in classrooms. She also reported that she is looking for grants that might support the repairs/improvements to the HVAC system. A request has been sent to Harkins Theatres for movie tickets. Gift cards from local stores will be requested soon, and may support snacks for finals and other student events.

Linda Sogge reported that Toni Post is reviewing the teacher wish list to ascertain what has been received and can be eliminated from the list. She will have this revised list posted on-line soon.

- Family Events – General discussion about some social events for consideration in the future included mother/son, father/daughter dance, donkey basketball and a crafts fair. It was determined that the November Barnes and Noble event would fill the events schedule for the near future. A family movie night will be targeted for January some time. This item will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Volunteer Recognition Program** – It was suggested that the school have on hand some kind of thank you gifts for people who provide some special service to the school. No final determination was made regarding this, but it was noted that movie passes and small gift items donated from local stores, could be considered for this purpose. It was also suggested that the school could secure some hand crafted plates or mugs from local ceramicist Arne. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bousquet