

Daves Avenue Elementary

Home & School Club Meeting

September 6th, 2012

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Erica Mittelhauser.

II. Present

Alex Potts	Fanya Hull	Jana Morse
Jill Hourani	Kirsten Grado	Shannon Drotar
Jean Melax	Nancy Lee	Dan Snyder
Bianca Gruetter	Jeff Milde	Laura Murphy Wilkens
Erica Mittelhauser	Jennifer Appleton	Samantha Wellman
Kathy Granger	Alan Messer	Kerri DiCicco
Pam Hanson	Julie Opatovsky Ryse	Anne Cristofano
Elizabeth Witherspoon	Diana Abbati	Nava Berstein
Cindy Fox	Meredith Aston	Susan Lee
Kit Bragg	Dana Miller	Cathy McDonald
Nicole Reginelli	Lynn Hubbard	Paige Goddard
Pamela Wilde	Katrina Cabral	Becky Hanson
Claire Nipress	Kristina Schmidt	Elizabeth Davidson
Madeleine Korling	Andrea Anderson	
Vanessa Mockler	Laura Kupor	

III. Minutes and H&SC Executive Board Approval

Approval of May 31 , 2012 Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes: Alex Potts

Second: Jeff Milde

Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the new H&SC Executive Board for 2012-2013

First motion to approve: Shannon Drotar

Second: Dan Synder

Unanimous approval.

IV. New District Art Docent by Kelly Martin

Kelly introduced her self and talked about her excitement about teaching art to the students.

V. Executive Board Reports.

President's.....by Erica Mittelhauser

New H&SC website. Please visit. Dianna Abbati will be speaking at the next H&SC meeting.

Looking for ideas on how to spend the surplus H&SC funds. There will be grant process presented in the near future. Ask your teachers what they would like to see. There is \$30K for technology – potential new ipads and/or computer carts – and potential additional funds. The Board is trying to determine how much to keep in reserves and how much to spend this year.

Vice President's....by Jeff Milde

Still a few open chair positions. Also working to get shadows to step up for future committee chairs.

Treasurer's Report....by Bianca Gruetter

There was an additional \$241 allocated per teacher that was not spent last year and is being given to each teacher. Trying to get handle on closing out last year. Encouraging everyone to donate the \$325 “one and done” check to the H&SC.

Communications Director....by Jill Hourani

New dedicated Daves Avenue Home and School Club website – it was created as a stand along web site and outside of the District web site. It is still a work in progress and Jill welcomes any and all feedback.

Jill will be providing committee reports but as a committee chair, please be proactive in asking Jill for your reports. It is not her responsibility until you ask her.

Parliamentarian's Report....by Jennifer Appleton

Jennifer will be managing the calendar on the H&SC web site so please let her know if there is a date change. Jean Melax is coordinating with Jennifer in regards to Qlubb and H&SC.

VI. Principal's Report by Kit Bragg

Thank you for the warm welcome by all the staff, students, parents. Kit is very excited to be here as principal. The H&SC “Feed the Need” Fund (\$24K from the adult auction in May 2012) is a huge component that has kept us solid and moving forward.

The State funding is very limited. The “Feed the Need” Funds will be used to extend the IXL Math which is a web based intervention and acceleration of math learning. Funvisors, in conjunction with Project Cornerstone, on Monday and Friday will have tables set up to get the kids who aren’t playing with others be connected– there will be Project Cornerstone trained parents to help these students participate in activities. There was \$20K budgeted professional development and Kit will use a portion to bring Clay Roberts, the guru in asset building, to come and work with the teachers. Common Core Standard – building teacher leaders of which there are 3 at Daves – who will be responsible for working with other schools in the district as well as the country to build the Common Core Standards. Transitioning to an industrial model of education to a progressive model – the shift is getting away from what they need to know (what and how) and it is shifting towards collaboration, multi solution problem solving (why.)

Teachers are having a full day training on how to learn how to compliment project base learning in class room through technology.

School Site Council is responsible for developing and reviewing the school site plan. As a parent, this will provide a great opportunity to have input. It is an elected position and nomination forms are located in the office. (Look in Wave for more info.) Meetings on Thursday – once a month – from 3–4 pm. Kit is seeking five (5) parents to serve on the Council.

VII. Committee Reports

Qlubb and Room Parent Coordinator....by Jean Melax

It is a work in progress getting all the members and room parents signed up to Qlubb. If you are a parent in Sandy Devlin’s class, she needs a volunteer for room parent. Jean has sent out a room parent information and roll description. Also, included is a sample letter to ask for class room donations. Emergency phone tree template needs to be established. Room Parent meeting Wednesday, September 19th at 8:30 am.

Buzz Book.....by Erica Mittelhauser (for Lynn Hubbard & Archa Haylcok)

The Buzz Book is the school directory. Buzz Book is in the process of being published and hope to have it out sooner than last year. Need volunteers for proof reading the Buzz Book – please contact Lynn Hubbard.

Mama Mia, Family Fun Night, DISCO Bingo, Circus....by Kirsten Grado (for Sally Ellis, Julie Conlisk)

Funwalk.....by Erica Mittelhauser (for Kristina Schmidt)

Need more corporate sponsors. Please contact Kristina Schmidt if you would like to sponsor.

Memory Book.....by Julie Ryse

There are still nine classes that are in need of representation for either class representative and/or page editors. The class rep takes photos and the page editors layout the page with the photos.

VIII. New Business

Math Olympiad.....by Alex Potts

The program is already formatted and structured. We just need parent volunteers to implement. Preferably 4th or 5th grade parents. Please see Alex Potts if interested.

Mom's Night Out...by Alex Potts

Mom's Night Out will be held on Monday, October 22 at Viva in Los Gatos. Fun night to meet new moms and enjoy a fun night out on the town.

Parenting Continuum by Andrea Anderson

The first lecture will be "Fostering Empathy and Action" and will be held on October 3rd Library at Fisher Middle School.

IX. Meeting Adjournment.

Erica Mittelhauser adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Minutes recorded by Kirsten Grado.