

Daves Avenue Elementary

Home & School Club Meeting

October 4th, 2012

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:28 a.m. by Erica Mittelhauser.

II. Present

Andrea Anderson	Alex Potts	Kristina Schmidt
Jennifer Appleton	Dan Snyder	Shannon Drotar
Katrina Cabral	Kristy Kohli	Dan Snyder
Julie Conlisk	Stephanie Nelson	Milli Josifovska
Cindy Fox	Nadine Lewandowski	Leah Williams
Kirsten Grado	Kit Bragg	Becky Hanson
Bianca Gruetter	Diane Abbati	Kim Simon
Jill Hourani	Madeline Korling	Julie Opatovsky
Cindy Fox	Anne Cristofano	Susan Lee
Fanya Hull	Maria O'Moore	Isabel Guerra
Nancy Lee	Laura Murphy-Wilkins	Cathy Guenther
Roxanne Lundgard	Meredith Aston	
Erica Mittelhauser	Laura Cerecceres	
Jana Morse	Kerri DiCicco	
Claire Nipress	Vanessa Mockler	

III. Renew and Increase Current Parcel Tax by Superintendent Diana Abbati

Currently there is a parcel tax that supports the LGUSD education and it is due to expire in June 2014. The District has hired some consultants from EMC and additional consultants to help try to renew the parcel tax a year earlier as well as (than it is due to expire) Over the last 20 years, the tax has provided approximately \$2.6 million per year. It helps fund teacher salaries,(40%) and academic programs (30%). Student enrollment continues to increase and funds continue to decline. Parent volunteers, Kim Simon and Becky Hanson, presented a slide show on the following facts:

- The current parcel tax is \$290 per parcel and there are 9,000 parcels within the school District boundaries.
- The District wants not only to renew the parcel tax but also ask to increase it by an additional \$190 per parcel. The increase would provide an additional \$1.8 million

and this money would stay within the District and continue to fund teachers and academic programs. The state cannot take away this money from our District.

- We need 67% of people to vote in favor of the tax in order for it to pass.
- Senior citizens can vote “yes” in favor but opt out.

There is a great need for additional volunteers. There is a formal process that the Board needs to go through and pass a resolution in February before it goes to vote. It will be valid for 8 years going forward. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Kimjsimon@yahoo.com and becky.hanson@gmail.com.

Approval of September 6th, 2012 Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes with minor changes: Alex Potts

Second: Jill Hourani

Unanimous approval.

IV. Executive Board Reports President's.....by Erica Mittelhauser

The current 2012–2013 H&SC budget is \$190K and it has been determined that if there was a budget shortfall there is approximately \$30K in extraneous funds that the Board could do without. With that said, the H&SC will keep \$160K in reserve (instead of \$190K.) There is an additional \$50K but \$30K is already allocated for technology which leaves \$20K in additional funds. Kit is working with the teachers to determine where the allocated \$30K will be spent for technology. Suggestions are welcomed by both parents and teachers on how to spend the \$20K. There will be a formal process – stay tuned.

Mama Mia was held last Friday night and generated approximately \$8,500 for the school.

There will be a Committee Chair Guideline document which will be circulated in the near future.

Keep in mind that when you work in the class room, office or campus, as volunteers, we must be respectful of privacy issues, etc.

Treasurer's Report....by Bianca Gruetter

On track with fundraising this year.

Communications Director....by Jill Hourani

There is a list of upcoming events on the new H&SC web site. There is also a calendar of all the H&SC events. Please visit www.daveshsc.org.

Parliamentarian's Report....by Jennifer Appleton

If you are a Committee Chair and have dates for your events please let me know in order to update the H&SC web site calendar.

v. Principal's Report by Kit Bragg

Mr. Bragg presented photos of the Endeavour flying over Daves Avenue. There was coordination with a few parents that were located at Chrissy Field.

Game Group started last Monday and it was a huge success. It was the best lunch that we have had so far – no conflicts on the blacktop that had to be managed. The idea of Game Group is to help the students who are playing alone or are less social and get them engaged in fun games and/or projects. Money donated towards the “Feed the Need” (at the Spring Dinner and Auction) provided funds in order to buy new supplies for this new program –blocks, art supplies, etc. There is a focus and determination to incorporate the the Project Cornerstone directives into the Funvisor /Game Group program There has been strong parent volunteer support of the Funvisor program during lunchtime. Currently, Mondays and Fridays are Game Group days. There were approximately 40 students utilizing the Game Group activities. The goal would be to have Game Group everyday of the week!

Monday, October 8th is a professional development day for the teachers. School will be closed. The teachers will focus on the Common Core Standards and implementing this into our class rooms. Common Core Standards is about creating a “thinking” classroom using more “reason” based learning rather than memorization.

Lisa Robb and Lisa Gessner are heading Student Council. Asking the Student Council and Green Team to explore options for the sand box as it has become a safety and health issue.

vi. Committee Reports

Buzz Book.....by Kirsten Grado (for Lynn Hubbard & Archa Haylock)

Work in progress and should be finalized in the next few weeks. Thanks for your patience

Funvisor....by Kirsten Grado (for Nicole Reginelli)

It was reiterated what Mr. Bragg said earlier. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have made lunch time recess much safer and more fun for our children. The Funvisor and Game Group programs are doing very well.

Funwalk.....by Kirsten Grado (for Kristina Schmidt)

Corporate sponsorship is up from last year – \$9,500 compared to \$7K last year. Shirts look great – thanks to the Prestine Family for donating the t-shirts! Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success.

The Play “Groovy”by Meredith Aston

Applications are due on Tuesday, October 9th.

eScrip...by Jennifer Appleton

55% of Daves Avenue families are participating in the eScrip program. If you have not signed up for www.escrip.com, please do as it is an easy (free) way to raise money for our children at Daves Avenue.

VII. New Business

LGEF by Claire Nipress

Thanks for responding to the survey. The results will be presented on October 18th at 6:30 at Fisher Middle School.

Parenting Continuum by Andrea Anderson

New speaker series has been published. Dr. Michael Bradley October 16th talking about the challenges of adolescence.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

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