

Minutes from TPES Meeting 10/06/09

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Shruti Bhatnagar, President Elect 2009-2010

Welcome by Shruti Bhatnagar

Principal's Address – Zadia Gadsden

Open House will be held at Grosvenor Monday, October 12 from 9:10 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 3:30 to observe children and teachers in classroom. This is an adult only event, no accommodations for siblings (including infants).

Robo call made to offer meeting to parents to discuss security incident. Most did not respond, meeting will not be held. Update of security issue: Sept 24 before 7:00 am police arrested a male, mid twenties, who had broken into a bathroom near 2nd grade portable classrooms. Situation was resolved before 8:00 am. Ms. Gadsden made a robo call same day to inform parents. Students were not told. Letter was sent home to parents after board of education edited and approved for content. Grosvenor building and bathrooms are walked through every morning before students arrive at school. Swipe cards are now installed in building and outside bathrooms.

Bus Issues: purple bus driver used homemade list to let "approved" children on his bus. Supervisor had not authorized this. Issue has been resolved and children board either purple bus 1 or 2 as previously done. Behavior problems still occur on white bus and some kids have been suspended. Mrs. Gadsden had Meeting with Todd Watkins to take issue to county, look at budget for "floating" bus supervisor; not confident this will happen due to current budget constraints. White bus now has camera on board to help monitor misbehavior. Star incentive program seems to help with most behavior problems.

Lucy Neher – from Safe Routes to School presented TPES with a \$1500.00 check as proceeds from last May's 5k Challenge. Promotes walking/bike safety along school routes. 2010 event will feature ¼ fun run, 1 mile run, 5k run and 5k walk.

Teacher Breakout Sessions- Ms Day, Ms. Marmalejos and Ms Scott-Clayton represented K, 1st and 2nd grade. Teachers offered information about school curriculum, test taking, projects for the school year to parents. Mr. Parr was also available to talk to homeroom students and math students since he was not present at Back-to School night.

Fundraising update – AJ Campbell, VP fundraising: Sally Foster and bulb sales so far have raised approximately \$5000 and \$2300, respectively. Total goal is \$13,000 and online orders will be accepted through December. Passive fundraising – Shruti Bhatnagar, President: Giant and Safeway programs and box tops program give money to school, not PTA. Funds can be used for math night, literacy night, etc. Estimated \$1500 now gone from PTA budget.

Presentation of Budget – Shruti Bhatnagar: to be approved at November PTA meeting

Other business : Scott Ward nominated by executive committee for vacant position of VP communications. Will vote on nomination at November meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Cathy Ocheltree, TPES PTA Secretary

