

Parent Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2008

Class Rep s in Attendance:

Autumn Beigel- Sunflower Kindy

Lisa O'Neil-Morning Glory

Tammra Tanner-1st

Mercedes Muros-4th

Patty Wallace-5th

Mary Wilson-5th

Michele Lavigne-6th

Janette Loreto-8th

Class Rep Absent:

Jessica Cannon-2nd

Diana Graber-3rd

Elise Hahn-4th

Linda Sadeghi- 7th

Luanne Biggs-6th (tutoring in 3rd until January 15th)

PC Members In attendance:

Bettina Spretke

Susan Hahn

John Bennett-Admin.

Holly Johnson/Sarah Northrip-Faculty

PC Members Absent

Jackie Wilson- Treasurer

Delano Jones-Admin

Public Attendance

Karen Lichty

Pam Ragland

Tom Gruenbeck

Public Comment

**Tammra Tanner for Claire Penneau -please ask to have Class Reps bring to the attention of classes of the need to be mindful of cleaning up after themselves, with trash, lunch tables and lounge. PC Class reps asked to email classes and teachers. Faculty Rep asked to share with faculty. Lounge is everyone's own responsibility to clean after themselves.

**Karen Lichty- Asked how to find out information on PC and its work? PC agendas and minutes are posted on web site, on office bulletin board the day they are emailed to members and reps and are emailed to all Journey Families in the PC Newsletter.

Discussion of newsletter followed and suggestions of more information, detail added, and to try the attachment format again taken under consideration.

**Tom Gruenbeck-To be mindful of electric bill. It currently is running from \$3,000-\$4,000 per month. Be sure to turn off lights. Tom gave instruction on working thermostats.

**Janette Loreto-to bring Proposal to next meeting about a fundraiser selling a "green entertainment like book" for 8th grade field trip.

Discussion followed that we need to be mindful of soliciting Journey families. General question of how much 8th grade class needs to raise? Another \$ 12, 000, to meet minimum of quota for

trip. Suggestions that class fundraisers should give back a percentage to school. Concerns that school needs funds but instead we are funding class trips.

**New parent Pam Ragland introduced herself; she is new Morning Glory parent.

**Susan Hahn -inviting participation at the Peace Pole celebration on Sunday January 13th, there is no religious or spiritual association simply a celebration of peace for the world.

**Question of International Day-International Day is a school festival and is chaired and run by the faculty with assistance when necessary from PC. Date to be determined and shared with community.

**Stephanie Cuilla-Her orthodontist has offered to give a percentage of all business from Journey School patients back to Journey. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an endorsement of Dr Lyndi Bach. Several Journey parents recommend the practice and the office will donate a percentage of all business you conduct with them back to Journey if you mention Journey School when you come in.

Southland Orthodontics Dr. Lyndi Bach 949-916-3190

Administrative Report John Bennett

*John Bennett attended meeting and shared that he will continue to do so. He expressed his desire to open communication with parents and PC.

*Fire Department came for a surprise inspection on Monday January 7th. Journey did pretty well, we were asked to remove fabric from ceiling lights, the center walk way "Main Street" will need to remove all planters and benches for easier fire truck access. Lattice may need to be removed but will ask FD if there is a compromise so the younger grades still have a buffer between classroom and parking lot.

*Admin is reviewing hiring needs for next year.

Working with faculty on creating a list of what makes Journey, Journey.

*Currently looking into Marvin Marshall "Discipline without Stress"

Faculty Report Holly Johnson

*Faculty is currently creating a mission statement for their body.

*A list of all traditions, rituals, and ceremonies of Journey past and present is being compiled; any suggestions from parent body, PC, council are welcomed. Please share them with Holly Johnson. (her mailbox is in the office)

*Handwork needs parent volunteer assistance

----Sent after meeting to include in minutes-----

1. Clair Penneau will be organizing a Drumming Workshop. This has been faculty approved. Dates still unclear. It will be on a donation basis.

2. Faculty moved the International Festival up to March 7. This will take class parent participation but the faculty would like to have this as a Tradition.

3. We want and appreciate any help from the Cabinet on Festivals and Celebrations.

It is the Faculties intent to keep these activities in "the Waldorf Traditional Style". such as healthy food, toys .

4. Requested a Master Calendar to be put up in "social" lounge. Everything put on it from, Rose Ceremony opening day to Graduation closing day, visible for all to see.

Class Rep Update

Morning Glory-No news to report

Sunflower- 1. Concerns about garden Autumn was directed to share with the 3rd grade and teacher, 2.carpet- this is not a PC matter as monies were donated to Kindy 3.

Spigot-directed to 3rd grade and greens Chair was informed

1st Grade-No news to report

2nd Grade- No news to report

3rd Grade Patti Connolly to begin teaching on Monday the 14th, began Violin

4th Grade- Sarah Northrip is expecting and has shared news with students.

5th Grade No news to report

6th Grade Update and information on Medieval Games-Games will take place

7th Grade- Class rep not present to report

8th Grade-No news to report

Liaison Committee Updates

PR

*Schooling the Imagination Conference will be on March 29th 8am -5:30 pm

The conference is a community outreach for art based approaches in public school and an introduction to teachers and parents in the surrounding areas to Journey School.

Invitations will be sent to home school groups, public school teachers, charter associations, Waldorf schools in the surrounding areas, Waldorf Colleges and websites, CUSD, local colleges, and others as we are reaching for wide exposure.

Joseph Chilton Pierce as well as Patti Connolly to speak as keynotes. Michelle Bennett, Leanna Emery, Richard Martin, Lelia Harding, Holly Johnson, Tim Connolly, and Patti Connolly, Jodi Levine from Earth Roots Home School, Caprice Young of the California Charter Schools Association (CCSA), Chris Prelitz, and a rep from the OC Waldorf High School will be presenting break-out sessions *and or* on a panel for question and answer.

The conference is open to all of Journey and information about it will be send as soon as it is available.

Website is being worked on

Brochure and promotional Info are completed and being reviewed by Delano.

Community Liaison- Janette Loreto

An all school directory is in the works, due out at the end of January, free to all Journey families (additional ones may be purchased) Janette is looking for business submissions from Journey parents as well as outside businesses. She is also looking for a printer.

Green- The plans for our Native Garden are underway. The garden will encompass the green area in front of the offices. A grant for gardening was received and will be used, as well as kind donations. Carlos Araujo has kindly drawn up plans for the garden and they are being submitted through the various channels.

Campus- Compost bins are installed in garden. Thank you to tom Gruenbeck.

Hospitality- Susan Hahn Chair-- Thank you to all the bakers for their wonderful goods on Wednesday morning Coffee house. We've raised \$354.00 and after the required purchases will net \$93.00.

Thank you also to the loving lunch makers who have graciously prepared lunch for Faculty on Wednesdays. The faculty has expressed much appreciation and gratitude for the kindness

Fundraising -Jen Burlison and Stephanie Cuilla Liaisons---

Annual Giving will kick off on February 14th Journey's birthday. John Bennett and Maysoun Assaf have volunteered to be involved. They will be contacted and the committees begin work.

Silent Auction Chairs Jen Burlison and Bettina Spretke- After much discussion during PC meeting it was determined that Silent Auction be moved to September as the Chairs feel there is not enough time to prepare for the auction in June. A meeting will be called to begin to prepare for the Auction. Look for the flyer.

Jen requested further information on her position of Fundraising Liaison and how the role is defined. It was requested that she submit her ideas for the position and share them with PC to further assist all members in their roles.

Treasurer- No treasurer report from Jackie Wilson.

Currently there is an opening in PC for a treasurer since Amy Burk had to resign due to a family move. PC is looking for a treasurer. Please contact Tammra Tanner at journneyschoolparentcabinet@hlt-inc.com if you are interested.

Council- Lisa O'Neil

Council reports that there will be a governance meeting of Council, PC, Faculty, and Admin on February 2nd.

Budget discussions were under way, and to be aware and considerate, them when making decisions.

Volunteer: Mary Wilson and Mercedes Muros

Volunteer Book will be updated for volunteer time. Letters need to be sent to those families who have not turned in their information sheet that went out with enrollment packets.