

**Challenge to Excellence
Parent Volunteer Association Minutes**

February 12, 2009

6:00 – Library

In attendance:

Rebecca Keller, Linda Parker, Kimberley Hubbs, Mindy Menard, Cole Becker, Annette Kullmer, ED Carriere, James Blevins, Al Boileau, Chris Carson, Scott Lawson, Bill Stewart, Julia Cooper, Kim Federspiel, Piper Prach, Laurie Hallberg, Carlene Rossman, Paula Minor, Michelle Garrett, Emily Carson.

- Rebecca Keeler - opened meeting by welcoming everyone.

- Linda Parker then spoke about her excitement with restructuring the PVA. She is 100% behind the PVA and like the layout SCA and EC has come up with as a group. She explained it is clear cut duties and responsibilities will open up communication with the school and parent body. She wanted to get across how much it means to her to have the support of all the volunteers in the school to make it all run smooth. Having volunteers safes the school money and with the economy were it is, C2E is looking good because of all of us.

- Rebecca then spoke about how the layout of the PVA will strengthen communication. She explained how S.A.C. and E.C. came together to come up with moving forward and putting positions on paper. Rebecca explained this is our school and our committee that makes up all of the PVA. She showed the layout on poster board and explained each position. It was open for discussion for all input of everyone there.

- Bill Stewart brought up the point on if you only have one year left and how you would fulfill the position if it was a 2 year position?

- Rebecca spoke about how communication would get routed and gave examples from fall fest, mammoth events, scrip, to doughnuts with dad. She went over the PVA membership statement:
 - a. **All Parents are members of the PVA and participation is greatly encouraged.**
 - b. **All parents have skills and personalities to offer the school.**
 - c. **Members are encouraged to work in their areas of interest of expertise.**

- Elections and how they will run were discussed. Some thought were brought to the table for on line, carpool or a survey type of election.

- Piper Prach spoke as the communication chair. She the communications position will streamline our communication. She gave a sample news letter that PVA will put out. Discussion of how often was discussed. Her goal is to get it put on the website and will work alongside of the Thursday folder. This will not replace the Thursday folder, it will be more fun, and news and information that has to do with all parents. The Thursday folder should be more school, principle, and teacher info.
- Carlene Roseman spoke about why we log hours. She explained every hour C2E logs by a volunteer helps C2E get grant money. Even if you are over your 20 hours you still need to log them. Douglas County looks at how much our parents volunteer.
- Jim Blevins is the new fundraising chair. Jim spoke about selling calendar raffles and the mammoth event. He has ideas on proposing a golf tournament with a silent auction and dinner. He is excited to help support C2E fundraisers.
- Emillie and Michele from SCRIP spoke on getting the word out there that scrip is a FREE fundraiser. If you get gas or eat you will need scrip. They explained how the card benefit our school by getting 2-20% kick back to C2E. You get face value for the cards. And even if you get a 25.00 Wal-Mart card once, that helps the school. They take cash or check. They walk the carpool lines on Fridays and are available anytime.
- Jim spoke about Kindergarten carpool missing out on things and we need to remember to work that carpool line as well.
- SCRIP has made 1,900.00 dollar profit with only 19% participation. If we had 100% or even 80% think of what that could do. SCRIP is promoting a contest in February, look at the Thursday folders for details.
- Julia Cooper then spoke about the calendar raffle and “A Mammoth Event”. She spoke about the importance of raising funds for the school. She talked about the video link on the school’s website that explains both the raffle and “A Mammoth Event”. The first drawing for the raffle will be held at “A Mammoth Event” on March 14th. Julia then went into further detail about “A Mammoth Event” It will be held at the Valley Country Club again this year. Everyone will need to work on getting donations for the event. It would be a great idea if each child could donate \$1 to send their teachers to the event (\$2 to also send their spouses). Julia will work on getting a list of middle school kids that are interested in babysitting either at half-price or for free.

- Kimberley Hubbs from SAC spoke- she explained what SAC stands for and that is made up of elected parents and a represent from the school, G.C PVA, teacher and outside communities. SAC is open to all, and takes on side projects like the PVA, CSAP communication, snacks and how important CSAP is for our kids' future. SAC will be responsible for the survey that will be out in March. This survey is different from the G.C. survey.
- Scott Lawson chair of the Events Committee spoke; he started by congratulating Kim Federspiel on a great job with donuts for dad. The mammoth event will have a February 26th meeting and one more before the event. Watch for information if you are on that committee. Muffins for mom will be chaired by Cole Becker, Cole said "It was just going to happen" Scott thinks he has it under control. Scott went over all the upcoming events:

Sock Hop:

Chairperson: Valerie Slechta

The Sock Hop will take place on April 24, 2009.

Teacher Appreciation Week:

Chairperson: Rebecca Keeler, Julia Cooper, Gillian Willis

Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 4th through May 8, 2009

End of Year Picnic:

Chris Carson will chair it along with: Middle School/Dr. Schaffer and Mr. Pallas

The End of Year Picnic will be held on May 22, 2009. Carlene mentioned that Dr. Schaffer and Mr. Pallas along with the middle school leadership team would like to run this event. They would like to pull out a couple of grills and serve hamburgers and hotdogs to the students. The have agreed to take care of the entire event.

Chris wants to make it fun for kids.

Booster Club:

Scott Lawson is taking on the Booster Club committee and want to boost up the school by involving the chest club, spirit club, all sport teams and a much needed New Parents Cub. He is excited to get it up and going and is looking for some people to chair each group..

Governing Council:

Julie Cooper gave updates form the G.C. She explained what G.C over sees and how they speak as one voice. It is open to all if you would like to attend a meeting they meet on the 3rd full Monday of each month in the library at 6:00.

Volunteer coordinator

- Carlene Rosman spoke on the importance of logging our hours. Douglas County does look at how much our parents volunteer. She also explained there are a lot of opportunities for parents to volunteer. She explained why the school can not have kids at the PVA meetings; C2E is not insured to cover the kids if anything

was to happen. Other schools in the area do not allow children at PTO, PTA or any large body meetings. If C2E were to have 40 parents show up with kids, it could become a problem. Parents need to plan ahead for the 5 PVA meetings a year and please try to find coverage for the kids. She suggested that middle school and high school kids need communities service and this is a good way to try a babysitter out for date night. The PVA meetings are important for all parents to attend some time in the year if they can't attend all of them.

Rebecca Keller will take updates to SAC and closed the meeting at 8:15.