

Challenge to Excellence Parent Volunteer Association Minutes

April 9, 2009

7:08 p.m. – Library

In attendance:

Rebecca Keeler, Linda Parker, Kimberley Hubbs, Mindy Menard, Cole Becker, James Blevins, Chris Carson, Scott Lawson, Julia Cooper, Piper Prach, Carlene Rossman, Paulette Gleason, Deanne Duncan, Sonia Figueroa, Kris Karge, Valerie Slechta

- Mindy Menard - opened meeting by welcoming everyone
- PVA Press is up and running, thanks to Piper and all her hard work to get information from each committee and put it all together. People said they like the “New Press” and think it is a great tool for the school.
- Rebecca then spoke about the guidelines set for the PVA positions and let us know they will be posted on the web site. Please take a look at them! Rebecca would like to thank everyone for their input on getting everything organized and documented for the PVA. She explained the chain of command and how the web site has a copy of the PVA flow chart. Carlene is the liaison between the school and the PVA. Kim added that Carlene is the one that makes sure the PVA is following Douglas County guidelines and school guidelines.
- Scott Lawson Chair of Events Committee got started with the Events Committee drawing they did this year. Stephanie Levins was the winner! She won a FREE Wii donated to the Events Committee for the drawing.
 - Scott gave a summary of this year's events and thanked everyone who helped with the events this year.
 - He let us know that the Mammoth Event brought in \$14,500.00 which was twice as much as last year.
 - 310 people attended the Muffins for Mom. It was said that it was a very nice event and one of the best so far.
 - Mindy Menard was thanked for organizing CSAP snacks this year
 - Susan Giroue has an “upside down” breakfast coming up.
 - Valerie Slechta was given the name list for the Sock Hop
 - Deanne Duncan is organizing the Kindy buddy day. Deanne said Linda Parker will speak and the booster club is going to do something. Rebecca added the more people that talk to the parents the better. SCRIP said they would like to speak to the new parents coming in.
 - Teachers Appreciation has new ideas for next year. Julie Cooper would like to see a car wash for the teachers. It would take 10-15 people to help drive a couple of cars to get them washed and back to the school. She found a carwash that would do it for free.
 - Year end Picnic is the last event of the year. Annette is putting together a slide show that will run continuously through out the event. Carlene spoke about health issues if we do a barbeque with raw meat. She is working with the lunch room to see what

they come up with. Chris Carson is overseeing the event and is working on finalizing details. Scott and Kristen would like to see a laid back event that the kids can get together with friends and family and enjoy their school. They are working on getting t-shirts for \$2.00 each. They would like the classes to each have their own color and be able to sign them at the picnic and sign yearbooks.

- **Booster Club chaired by Scott Lawson and Kristen Karge**
The focus of this club is focused on the school community, getting everyone involved (children, parents, administration, and the outside community). Teaching and sharing with one another to bring a school/family environment to C2E.
 - A positive thing for getting people to stay involved. Not just to help at an event once and never be contacted again.
 - Find out what makes C2E different from other schools.
 - Kimberly Hubbs spoke about the New Parents club. She wants new parents to get absorbed into the school and feel welcome into our community right away. She would like to see an event before school starts that invites all new families and anyone who would like to get to know them. So the new families have all the information they need to get started and get involved. She will be looking for 10-15 mentor parents to connect with the new families. An idea is a New Parents Mixer night at the school.

- **Fundraising chair James Blevins introduced the direct donation idea that was presented to him by SAC and Kimberly Hubbs.** He explained how the donation could be broken into payments or you could donate one time. This is in addition to the Butter braid or entertainment books not to replace them. People have expressed an interest in this and there will be a survey question in the SAC survey coming up to make the final decision. He explained the goal is to do the calendar raffle and a golf tournament and spread things out from registration to March so everything doesn't come at one time.
 - Linda Parker would like to see something the school wants to raise money for in the school and set a goal. Ideas were curtains for the stage, science lab, playground, etcShe spoke about the line items in the budget and they can be adjusted.
 - Michele is nervous that a direct donation will hurt them in SCRIP. People need to support SCRIP and other fundraisers. SCRIP made close to \$4,000.00 for the school this year with about 16 people using it. If we could get more people buying their gas card and groceries through them that it will help the school.
 - Piper, Kim, James and others didn't think the direct donation program would hurt SCRIP. They explained how it would work and the idea behind the thought of the direct donation.
 - Rebecca had to stop the discussion to move on with the meeting.

- **SAC chair Kimberly Hubbs spoke what SAC (School Advisory Council) has been working on a survey that will be on line this year in the next couple of weeks.** She explained what the questions will be and the thought behind some of them. Linda explained why we need to ask some of the questions for the district. Kimberly explained in the past we had 30% participation and we need 50+ from the parents.

This is our opportunity to be heard and if people don't fill out the surveys then the school has nothing to go off of. She wants everyone to spread the word to please participate in the surveys at the school.

- SAC has one position open: Please check out the letter of intent to run. She is hoping to have a couple people run.
- Paula Gleason is with Governing council and she invited anyone to come to a meeting and explained what G.C. represents. They are for any questions on Policy and not "day to day operation in the school" Paula is the liaison between S.A.C. and G.C. to answer any question that might come up or bring anything to the G.C. board. She also attends D.A.C. and charter meetings to represent C2E. Governing Council meets at the school on the 3rd Monday of each month, (only if there is school on that day). She said the PVA is the lungs of the school and likes what she sees.

Rebecca Keeler gave a special gift and thank you to: Kimberly Hubbs, Carlene Rossman, Mindy Menard, Piper Prach, Scott Lawson, Kristen Karge and Lastly Julie Cooper for their part in making things happen this year.

Meeting broke into committees to take care of local business @ 8:09 p.m.

Final meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.