
REEF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**November 14, 2012
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

6:00 PM – Board of Directors Meeting (public meeting open to all members)

I. Board Member Roll Call/Establish Quorum: (✓ if present at meeting)

Directors (Expiring 6/13)		Directors (Expiring 6/14)		Non-Voting Members	
✓	<i>Nancy Mixon ~ REEF President</i>	✓	<i>Tammi Flemming ~ REEF Treasurer</i>	✓	<i>Dr. Donna Ronzone ~ Principal</i>
✓	<i>Chris Davis ~ REEF Secretary</i>	✓	<i>Jen Jones</i>	✓	<i>Alison Throop ~ Teacher Liaison</i>
✓	<i>Gina Andrews</i>	✓	<i>Sabrina Koceman</i>		
✓	<i>Lisa Ballantine</i>		<i>Stella Pynn</i>		
✓	<i>Jen Brown</i>	✓	<i>Eric Sanchez</i>		
	<i>Lyla Clyne</i>				
✓	<i>Jeff Peterson</i>				

II. Call to Order

- Nancy Mixon began the meeting and Chris Davis did roll call.
- Nancy let the board know that Jacquie Pike Larson resigned from her post, effective immediately (*see resignation letter attached to the end of these minutes*). The board seat will remain empty until the next election cycle.
- The new board member terms (Eric Schenker and Kristen Story) will be effective starting in December.
- Gina Andrews volunteered to take over the Teacher Appreciation committee, which was previously organized by Jacquie. Tammi Flemming will send Gina the committee budget.
- A Thank You note for a large Annual Fund donor was circulated during the meeting for all board members to sign.
- Please remember to send Thank You cards to businesses for other school donations, such as the recent donors – Marborg & Brophy Brothers Restaurant.

III. Consent Agenda

- ***Minutes from October 10th Meeting*** – Chris summarized the edits to the October 10, 2012 meeting minutes. Edits were received by Jen Jones, and Nancy Mixon. Jen Jones motioned to approve the meeting minutes with one additional change and Jeff Peterson seconded the motion. All board members approved the October 10th meeting minutes with minor changes.

- **Current Financial Reports** – Tammi Flemming summarized the main financials of the month. Year to date financials for the Annual Fund are approximately \$19,000. Self-funded income - \$21,000 for ASEP, most of the income is paid to the teachers. \$5,000 income for Fall Ball, \$2,500 is profit, plus \$1,400 went to 6th grade camp.
- Checks were circulated for approval. Most of the checks are for ASEP teachers, fall ball expenses, Axxess books, yearbooks, childcare, etc. None of the checks this month are unusual. 6th grade is close to even for science camp. 5th grade account is also even. Tammi will review the 4th grade deficit.
- Jen Jones motioned to approve the financial reports. Eric Sanchez seconded the motion and all board members approved the financial reports.

IV. Info & Procedures Highlights Updates

- Important reminder for any Flyers going into Thursday Folders - office staff will need 21 class sets of 33. Flyers need to be in the front office on Wednesday before 12 (noon) to ensure that they make it into the next day Thursday folder.
- Gina motioned to postpone the Fresh & Easy Roosevelt shopping day which was assigned to Roosevelt as Nov 26th. All board members agreed that this date would not be convenient given it is so close to the Thanksgiving holiday. Gina will circle back with Fresh & Easy and set up a date sometime in the spring.

6:30 PM – General Meeting (public meeting open to all members)

I. Welcome/Opening Comments

- **Awards** – Bell of the Ball Award #2 – Emily Carey, Happy Camper Award – Mara Peters for camp fundraisers. Chief Negotiator Award – Lyla Clyne for setting up Marborg trash collection.
- **Election Results** – Measure A & B passed. Prop 30 passed, Dr. Ronzone will update the board about what this means for Roosevelt in the coming months.

II. Principal’s Report – Dr. Donna Ronzone

- Dr. Ronzone expressed her thanks to all who voted, especially for the parcel tax. Music will stay at Roosevelt for the rest of the year and is secure for the next 4 years.
- Regarding Prop 30, we don’t yet know how this will affect Roosevelt. The Teachers Union will need to negotiate furlough days.
- Gail Eidelson was selected to the school board, which was very exciting. Many of you know that Gail was a long-time Roosevelt parent.
- Test scores were recently announced. Roosevelt scored 879, which was an average of 12 points higher than the previous spring. Roosevelt has experienced a steady rise on standardized tests, and “sub groups” are scoring higher too. There was a 16 point increase for Hispanic students, 23 point increase for white students. Roosevelt scored 2nd in the district, and overall we are very pleased with the results.
- There will be two more years of the current testing standards, then the district will be moving into the Common Core approach. Teachers are planning for the transition to the Common Core standards now to get our students ready. The biggest change as we transition to Common Core are expanding reading materials,

adding information text, more complex text, math will require more reason to answer the questions. While the teachers are hard at work teaching their classes, they are also planning for the future.

- In 2015 testing will be computerized. We don't have a clear picture of how that will look yet, and we don't want the kids to be stymied by the technology. Therefore technology is a priority. All teachers now are teaching their classes with iPads, with the exception of Kindergarten and 1st grade classes.
- Attendance is now done with iPads and occurs right at 8AM.
- In kindergarten, Ms. Justison will substitute for Ms. Hoke while Ms. Hoke is on maternity leave
- PE curriculum Specialist Stephanie Sharpe is planning to come back from maternity leave after winter break. The plan is to have the grade level curriculum specialists handle PE when Stephanie is out for maternity leave.
- Roosevelt can still consider paying for an Art Teacher, Ms. Troop will speak about Art next.
- Board member, Jen Brown (also an artist) explained that she would like to help with the Art curriculum. Dr. Ronzone said that she should meet with her child's teacher and ask how she can help with the program.
- To add iPads for the kindergarten and 1st grade classes will require a vote. The money will need to come out of REEF reserve funds. We cannot vote on this measure tonight, it requires notice tonight, and can be put on the ballot for a vote at the next REEF meeting.
- Jen Jones moved to assess REEF financial opportunity to fund apple classrooms for the remaining classes, and to put the measure to a vote at the December REEF meeting. Eric Sanchez seconded the motion, and all board members approved.
- We need to give our kids access to the technology to keep up with the new Common Core standards.
- Every other school in the district has apple technology in every classroom except for Cleveland.
- Roosevelt and Washington have the lowest budget and therefore, rely on fundraising to purchase technology upgrades.

III. Teacher Liaison Report – Alison Troop

- Art – Alison explained that Art in Kindergarten is covered since they do art quite a bit. Every grade level is seeking outside specialists for things they cannot do themselves. For example, 2nd grade brought in a ceramics specialist. There is a lot of lovely art happening in the classrooms. Teachers enjoy the ability to add art to the curriculum and classroom. 5th & 6th grades are doing an art rotation where the children are able to choose their projects.

IV. Playground

- There have been a lot of people asking about playground improvements. Recently there was a petition from kids for a volleyball court.
- To get the ball rolling on this topic, Nancy facilitated a brainstorm session for everyone to think of playground ideas. The following ideas were written down: hoola hoops, volleyball court, jump ropes, swings, soccer goals, obstacle course,

hoop thing, basketball hoop relocation, jungle gym climbers, large slide, shade on jungle gym, tire swing, more ball replenishment and availability, running track. The following ideas were brought up but were discussed as Not feasible: indoor basketball, pool.

- It is possible to make some changes to the playground area, but there will need to be additional fundraising. A committee needs to be started to make a plan, think about how to secure funding, talk to district, etc. Eric Schenker will be on the committee, Jen Brown will be the central person to contact. Jen will send out an eblast soon to let parents know about the first meeting.
- Some of the ideas voiced at the meeting would be relatively easy and inexpensive to implement and some of the bigger things could be difficult. Any kind of playground improvements or enhancements need to be approved by the district.

V. Camp Funding Update

- 6th grade outdoor camp was amazing, the children all loved it. Thanks for funding it.

VI. Open Comments

- Annabella - Spanish translation – guidelines for Spanish translation have been circulated by Nancy. Please communicate requests with Annabella more so she doesn't waste effort if you end up not using the translation or use someone else for help.
- Update on Annual Fund – we have \$19,104 money in, included pledges. There needs to be a big push to get the Annual Fund word out. The Annual Fund committee will send the board updated information on how we all can help. For example ask 5 friends if they have donated yet and give reasons why it is so important, make phone calls, etc.
- Maureen Burke is in charge of boxtops.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM