
REEF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**September 12, 2012
6:30 PM**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 PM

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>Gina Andrews</i>		<i>Sabrina Koceman</i>	✓	<i>Alison Throop ~ Teacher Liaison</i>
✓	<i>Lisa Ballantine</i>	✓	<i>Stella Pynn</i>		
✓	<i>Jen Brown</i>	✓	<i>Eric Sanchez</i>		
✓	<i>Lyla Clyne</i>		<i>Vanessa Tormey</i>		
✓	<i>Jacquie Larsen</i>				
✓	<i>Jeff Peterson</i>				

II. Call to Order/Welcome

- Nancy Mixon, Present – lead the meeting with introductions and described the purpose of REEF meetings, and importance of parent involvement.
- Nancy presented two service awards **(1) Stepping Up Our Game Award** - presented to Gina Andrews (Hospitality Chair) for her organization of the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social, which was a huge success! **(2) OMG Nothing is Free Award** - presented to Fleurette Janigian (Cultural Arts Chair) for her organization of the NED character building assembly--which is--if you can believe it--the source of all the yo-yos!
- Thank You Card for the Foundation that donated the funds for the Marquee was passed around for everyone to sign. The Marquee looks fabulous!

III. Visit from Santa Barbara School District Superintendent David Cash

- Superintendent David Cash made an unscheduled appearance at the REEF Board Meeting and spent 25 minutes going over the District's developing Strategic Plan, the Common Core implementation and fielding parent questions.
- Draft 2 of the Strategic Plan is on the district website and is currently under review. Comments and input on the draft Plan is encouraged. The Plan will be a “Living Document” used to guide the district over next 3-5 years. This is the first strategic

plan for the district since 1998. Dr. Cash is looking for ***YOUR INPUT*** to the Strategic Plan.

- A major focus this year will be on the Common Core implementation. Common Core is much different than the current content standards. There will be more emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving and less on memorization. Standardized tests will be computer based. Spring of 2015 will be the first year that students will be assessed. Parent resources will be available on the district website. Benchmarking for Common Core is happening internationally.

IV. Minutes from May & June Meetings

- Chris Davis (REEF Secretary) circulated the May & June Meeting minutes for board approval.
- Gina motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
- Jen Brown seconded the motion.
- All Board Members Approved the May & June Meeting Minutes.

V. Financials

- Tammi Flemming (REEF Treasurer) provided a high level overview of the treasurer report and financials. The budget was discussed in detail during the July budget committee meeting; therefore, only a brief review of minor changes to the budget were discussed during the meeting.
- Eric motioned to approve the financials and treasurer report.
- Jeff seconded the motion.
- All board members approved the financials and treasurer report.

VI. Principal's Report – Dr. Donna Ronzone

- Dr. Ronzone welcomed all parents and board members to the REEF Meeting and expressed her appreciation for all the support that parents and REEF provide to the school. This year there are 589 students enrolled, and there are even some Roosevelt families who are not able to be accommodated at Roosevelt this year. For example, Roosevelt has not been able to accommodate kindergarten siblings of inter-district transfers who are currently at Roosevelt. This is the second year in a row where all kindergartener's enrolled are within the Roosevelt district. This is a good sign of a vibrant school! The class size this year is an average of 26 students for grades k-3. This means that the class size can be in the range of 26-29 students and is not a strict cap of 26 students, it is an average of 26 students.
- Curriculum Specialist Update ~ REEF supports an extra teacher for each grade level. There is a set salary amount for all curriculum specialists. Curriculum Specialists are in the classroom 4 days per week. If we need to add an extra day during star testing, Dr. Ronzone will add an extra day as needed.
- PE, Computer, Art Update ~ The music program is every day, apple classrooms are up and running for grades 3-6. For the art curriculum we no longer have a dedicated art teacher. Instead this year, each teacher will be picking art projects to be integrated into the curriculum. The art budget remains intact and will provide art supplies to teachers, art specialists to visit the classrooms, etc. The Art Room will continue to be dedicated as the Art Room for use as needed.

- Principals Recess will be renamed to “Character Counts Celebration” which rewards academic and character achievement.
- Parents asked questions regarding Common Core curriculum and how the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) requirement is affecting Kindergarten learning and class size. Dr. Ronzone explained that teachers are being sent to workshops to be prepared to teach the new curriculum. Kindergarten is already aligned with Common Core curriculum. Alison Troop explained that the children with November birthdays are the only true TK’ers, there are only 3 children that fall in this category this year, which was not enough to have a separate TK class. Those students are integrated into the three kindergarten classes. All students with September, October, November birthdays are given an option to go to 1st grade at the end of the year or stay in K for another year. Kindergarten teachers work with every child individually, as they always have. Everyone is benefitting from the TK implementation and it does give the opportunity for children who have not gone to preschool to obtain more schooling.

VII. Teacher Liaison Report – Alison Troop

- Alison Troop expressed gratitude to REEF for paying for the Curriculum Specialist out of REEF funds -- it helps tremendously! She also expressed thanks from all the teachers for the \$10 per child that teachers receive for class supplies.
- The teachers are all really happy and excited about the apple classrooms. They are all very excited about the new technology at Roosevelt School, and the staff is a happy staff, because of all the great programs REEF supports!
- The November election is critical – Fate of Proposition 30 will determine the number of furlough days this year.

VIII. Open Board Seat

- According to the REEF bylaws, REEF can have up to 15 board seats. We currently have one open board seat (*Note: 2 open seats due to Vanessa’s resignation which occurred after the board meeting*), according to the bylaws we can leave the number of board members as is and do nothing, or we could take the next person in line to ask if they still want that position, we could run a special election for that seat.
- Elections require a 60 day notice period, and the election vote would happen after that 60 day period. The “special election” seat would be up in 2014, basically the person voted into office would be starting a term, mid-term.
- Lisa recommends taking the next person next in line from the last election process.
- Jeff recommended doing a special mid-term election this fall, since from interpretation of the bylaws it would be a cleaner process to do a new election.
- Jen Brown motioned to have a mid-term election for a board member seat that will expire in 2014.
- Eric seconded the motion
- All board members approved the motion to have a mid-term election, none opposed.

IX. Nominating Report/Open Chair Positions

- Chair positions for Fall Ball and Carnival are still open. All other committees have volunteers up and running.
- Fall Ball will still happen as scheduled, but we need help! We are looking for volunteers.
- Committee reports will be appended to the meeting minutes, since there was not enough time to discuss the progress of all the individual committees.

X. 2012-2013 Budget Committee

- The biggest change in the budget this year is the funding for grade level curriculum specialist, computers, art, PE. The same amount of money for the art teacher last year will go to the art residences (specialized art projects, materials, etc). The same amount of money is dedicated to support these art programs. The decision to incorporate art in the classrooms was made by the staff, since they can tie it into the curriculum better, and have more time to complete large scale projects. This is a school wide decision and the teachers will work together in grade level teams.
- Nancy will make a note to have an opinion survey added to the Roosevelt Email Blast (eblast) to gauge parent's opinions/suggestions about the programs that REEF supports.
- REEF is spending \$76,000 more this year for the 3 additional curriculum specialists
- REEF is also adding apple classrooms to all of 2nd grade. The cost for an apple classroom is \$2,500 per classroom. IPAD for teacher is not included in that price, Dr. Ronzone pays for that separately out of other funds.
- To accommodate these added expenses, REEF needs to dip into \$55,000 of reserve money. Basically, we are \$55,000 short from fundraising last year. The full proposed budget is \$257,000.
- If we were a PTA we'd have to spend every \$ that we raise during that particular year. That is why we are a foundation, so we can raise money for reserves, and have a "Rainy Day Fund."
- We are projecting fundraising \$100,000 for annual fund and \$100,000 for rose run this year. We are in a good position as a school since we are proposing to increase spending, instead of having to propose budget cuts. The programs that REEF supports are very important programs that enrich our students.
- Eric motioned to approve the 2012/2013 budget.
- Gina seconded the motion.
- All board members approved the 2012/2013 budget.

XI. Measures A&B

- Measures X&Y did not pass during the June 2012 election because it was 120 votes short of 2/3rd majority.
- Measures A&B are the new parcel tax ballot measures for secondary and elementary schools (formerly measures X&Y) on the ballot in November that will continue to fund Music and Apple classrooms at Roosevelt. These ballot measures are incredibly important and we need parent support to get out the vote and make sure these measures pass.

- Lisa has been going to all the Measures A&B information meetings and will hold a meeting for Roosevelt parents to strategize a plan for how we can all help the campaign. The measure proponents are also asking for schools (including REEF) for money to purchase yard signs. In the interest of time, REEF board members will discuss this at a later date.
- If the measures pass, it would fund music & technology programs. It currently funds the music program -- ½ million dollars per elementary school in the Santa Barbara District. This equates to roughly \$72,500 for Roosevelt per year.

XII. Topics for Study

- Measures A & B
- Opinion Survey
- Playground equipment/play structures
- Website ~ we need to establish our policy and what we want to take on
- Fundraising committee ~ Rose Run, Annual Fund, 4th grade for CIMI camp, 5th grade for CIMI Camp, 6th grade science camp. Right now they are funded for this year, but we need to make sure that will continue in the future.
- 4th, 5th, 6th grade committee heads are in place and a meeting will take place soon.
- Sept 26th meeting for Yearbook committee. 6:30-7:30, Library

XIII. Upcoming Dates to Remember

<i>ASEP Registration</i>	<i>Sept 13th -20th</i>
<i>Measure A & B Ballot Meeting</i>	<i>Sept 19th @ 12:05, Library</i>
<i>Axxess Books Sales (6th Grade Fundraiser)</i>	<i>Sept 21st – Oct 5th</i>
<i>Yearbook Meeting</i>	<i>Sept 26th @ 6:30-7:30, Library</i>
<i>Deadline for REEF Board Bio</i>	<i>Sept 30th</i>
<i>ASEP Fall Session</i>	<i>Oct 1st – Dec 7th</i>
<i>Next REEF Meeting</i>	<i>Oct 10th @ 6:30 PM, Library</i>
<i>State of Our Schools Event</i>	<i>Oct 22nd 11:00 -1:00</i>
<i>Fall Ball</i>	<i>Oct 26th @ 4-7 PM</i>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM