

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Notes
December 14, 2005

PRESENT

Betty Williams (Faculty Advisor),
Danielle Steele
Melissa Allen (for Alice Lessard)
Rona Sass
Heather Zecha
Karen Ewing
Cara Brannan
Julie Lyderson-Jackson
Lauren Molloy-Johnson
Kirsten Purdy
Katy Rindal
Beth Munroe
Kellie Larue
Amy Bell
Heidi Nicholls
Anne Alonzi-Aw
Cindy Hazard
Robin Hansen
Martha O'Fallon
Stephanie Morris
Jennifer Archer
Debbie Jung
Laura Baumwall
Karl Hillstrom
Sonja Knudson
Latife Neu
Betty Willliams
(Substitute for) Jennifer Paris.

Thank you for sending a sub if you were absent.

ABSENT

Shannon Adams (Meadowbrook 3-5s),
Julia Young
Charlene Nissen
Catie Hobson
Cindy Flannigan
Erik & Kristen Genoway
Sally Davey
Chinda Roach
Chris Casaza
Feliks Banel

MEETING NOTES

Call to Order: 9:40 A.M. by Laura Baumwell, Chair, with thirteen members + the Board present.

November Minutes Submitted and Approved.

Betty Williams – Announcements

- MRSA = an antibiotic-resistant infection that is getting around the preschools. Handwashing is again recommended, and if there are break-outs (symptoms include rash/boil-like oozy spots on trunk), make sure symptoms are completely cleared up before returning to school. Children should be re-tested after antibiotic treatment.
- A petition is circulating to increase wages for part-time faculty. The education dept. has two full-time staff and 15 part timers.
- Scholarship dues: A clarification has occurred between NSCC faculty and coops regarding assessment of scholarship dues. Previously, the faculty was under the impression that the \$25 was assessed per *adult* student. The PAC board decided to stick with the past PAC method, where coops are responsible for submitting \$25 x the amount of *child* students in the class. Coops can decide how to assemble funds in the case of parents of twins, since the dues are the responsibility of the coop as a whole.
Kelly LaRue proposed invoicing coops around Jan 1 that scholarship dues need to be received by PAC by Feb 15.
- Look for an email containing the new parking permits for winter quarter.

Earthquake Committee

Membership confirmed that we would like to see emergency plans developed for sites, so it was agreed that interested people might meet during small group time at upcoming meetings.

Budget Report

Most dues have been submitted by coops. \$66 per co-op please send to Cara Brannan: 7739 20th Ave NW, Seattle, 98117. Dues do not go as far as they used to with the PAC raffle. Consider asked your coop to make an additional contribution towards scholarships.

(The agenda was adjusted to hold committee meetings now, small group later.)

Committee Reports

Communications. We only had four of us present today.

- Discussed upcoming newsletter deadlines and info to be put in newsletter (registration, speakers and dates)
- Jan newsletter will include registration info. Please be sure to forward all newsletters to your class.

- Updated on getting info to PEPS about infant co-ops
- Discussed and worked on a single Power Point slide for NSCC screen saver with registration information. Katy Rindal said she would work up the slide.
- Brainstormed again where/how to get word out into community about open registration. Who might take on the responsibility of making up a flyer.

Education:

- 14 January 2006, 9:30-4:30: Elizabeth Crary will do a day long workshop on "Siblings". Registration required; \$20-25 Fee; 50% of net proceeds to go to PAC Scholarships. To register: Call 206-367-6425 Class size is limited

Kindergarten Readiness. Submitted by Lauren (AJANDLMJ@aol.com):

1. Handouts for Seattle Public School Tours in North Seattle
2. Betty Williams has extra handouts and folders that she will bring to the next meeting in Jan.

Fundraising. Sheila Bensen is no longer our Chair. The committee is jointly run by the remaining members.

We are looking ahead to our final big fundraiser, the bake sale, in March at registration. Thank you, Charlene Nissen

Scholarship: Deadline has passed for scholarships this quarter. Next deadline is March 3.

Registration:

Please note updated registration info attached (in a separate email message).

By-Laws and Handbook: (review from November)

- Send digital copies of your copop bylaws to Chris Cassasa (casa@msn.com).
- The Board discussed whether all bylaws need to be online. We agreed there should be a representative sample of bylaws available as a resource online. In addition, Chris will compile a more complete collection can be transferred to a CD that can be checked out from PAC.

Board:

- Working on revising PAC bylaws and job descriptions.
- Committees can look in handbook to make sure it represents them accurately.
- Clarified Emergency committee goals and finalized topic for small group discussion.
- Discussed whether/how we should continue small group discussions at upcoming meetings.

Small Group Discussion

- As parents in a co-op, which safety issues would you like to see addressed? What would you like to have included in an emergency plan so that if an emergency should occur (earthquake, snowstorm, power outage...), you would feel confident that your child was safe?
- Synopsis will be available shortly in a separate email (to be compiled by sonja)

Meeting reminders

Next meeting is **Monday January 9th, 9:30 to 11:30.**

Same meeting room: Education **2843**

Don't forget your NEW parking pass.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Knudson

Attachments:
Registration information
Updated roster