

LECS SAC Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2010, 6:00-7:05  
School Library

Agenda:

Minutes  
Director's report  
Committee reports  
Old Business  
New Business

**Members Present:** Ronnie DeNoia, Sharon Morell, Carol Dierksen, DeVonna Craner, Greg Mellowe, John Mays, and Carrin Hahn

**Minutes Recorded By:** Carrin Hahn

Greg Mellowe called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved without any changes.

**LECS Director's Report, written and reported by Ronnie DeNoia**

**Building:**

The survey on the building has been completed, the first public meeting was held on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and the Environmental Inspection is set for Wednesday. We have submitted the contract for the charter renewal and will be writing the down payment check on Monday, November 15 for \$50,000. We do have another conference call set for Wednesday, November 10, but there are no prevailing issues and it appears that everything is moving along smoothly.

**Finances:**

Foundation \$105,072.47

**Miscellaneous**

- Report Card Conference-Friday
- SACS Accreditation meetings were held on the half day professional development

- Book Fair is this week
  - Eolaween was a great success with over 50% of our parent population volunteering at the event. Thanks to the Committee Chairs, the Board Committee, and especially Mrs. Morell.
  - Mr. Hughes's Community Service Club had the Pasta for Pennies event during the month of October. LECS students brought in \$1,153.79!
  - 461 lbs of food were collected and delivered to Second Harvest Food Bank by Mrs. Hahn's class the equivalent of 308 meals
  - Mrs. Stucker's class is collecting items for the troops in Afghanistan
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- There were a few comments and questions about the Director's Report. Ronnie said that Sharon did a great job (a really great job) on the event. DeVonna said that she was amazed at how many parents she saw working "like dogs", and they seemed to be having fun since there were smiles on their faces. Ronnie said that over 50% of the parents participated in some way, and she is very glad to have a great group of parents at the school this year. Carol asked about the number of people who attended, and Sharon said the Park Director told her about 10,000 people came to the event. Sharon went through some of the numbers, such as the number of people who played games and who entered the costume contest. She reported that they made \$5,000 from sodas and water and \$2,500 from the booths. She said the event ended up about \$4,970 in the hole; however, she doesn't think she could have done anything differently. She said everyone involved in Eolaween (including the Board members) knew that this would be a branding year, and they might not break even. A portfolio is being put together now, and at the beginning of the year, the portfolio will be used to find corporate sponsors. Sharon also spoke about the event coordinator and all of the work she did, such as getting Cox Media to sign on, writing any grants, finding entertainment, getting barricades, getting tents and tables, and finding vendors. Sharon said the event coordinator would be a big player in trying to get the corporate sponsors for next year. Greg wanted to thank Sharon again for her time at the event and for the many months of planning that went into Eolaween.
  - As for Pasta for Pennies, Ronnie told the story of one Cluster 3 student who said he would match the amount of money the people in his homeroom collected. That led Ms. Friedman's class to win the pasta party.
  - Greg asked about the participation in the fund raising and food collection activities. Carrin said the students responded generously to both, even though the food drive was only done for the sake of doing something kind and not for a free dress day reward.
  - Ronnie said that all Wednesdays during November and December would be free dress days for a \$1 donation. The money will go towards postage for Michele Stucker's packages to the Marines and for holiday gifts for the families from the Orlando Union Rescue Mission that we adopt.
  - Greg said he feels like there is a good group of people who understand how important it is to be involved in the activities at LECS. He feels better about knowing that there are people who seem to care the way the "old guard" did about the well being of the school and who are happy to be here. He noticed this at the Back to School picnic and at the

campout. Ronnie said that some of the staff members and parents don't know all of the history of the school. They also don't realize that some things need to be done by the teachers or parents, as there isn't anyone specific to do odd jobs. She thinks parents still need to be reminded that the Foundation still needs donations.

- Sharon said that Borders would hold a book fair on December 11 and 12, with a percentage of the money coming back to the school. Sharon is going to find out if one can only purchase books or if other items are included in the percentage coming back to the school.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Fund Raising, written and reported by Ronnie DeNoia**

- I am meeting with Chelsea Sequenzia to create a database for donors, but she has the entire event under control.

### **Technology Committee, reported by Ronnie DeNoia**

- The school clean up date is this Saturday, November 13.

### **Business Partners Committee, reported by DeVonna Craner**

- DeVonna said that she has two opportunities from area McDonald's, and she isn't sure which one to use. The first choice is from the store on 17/92, and they will do 25% off of all orders from that evening. The second choice is the store on Orange Avenue, and they will give 15% off of orders from people with the flyers (they will print the flyers too if DeVonna emails them the logo). They will also allow someone to use the megaphone to encourage tips for the Tip Jar, and they will allow the staff to man the drive thru. The Orange Avenue store is also more interested in a long-term partnership. They are willing to help with field day, lunch bunch, book fair, and car washes. If DeVonna books four dates, Ronald McDonald will make an appearance. Ronnie suggested that DeVonna book November 30 for LECS at the Orange Avenue store and that she book a Thursday date at the 17/92 store for DaVinci High School.

### **After School Committee, reported by Carol Dierksen**

- Carol said that she had nothing to report.

### **Curriculum Committee, reported by Greg Mellowe**

- Greg said he had nothing to report.

## **Old Business**

- Carrin said she asked the teachers for a list of two or three items they would like to use the Governor's Recognition money for, and a few people responded. The items listed were supply money, bonus money, book money, a new copier, field trip money, an art teacher, and money for the arts program. Since there was no definite amount, some people said it was hard to know what they would ask for.

- Sharon told Carrin that the amount would be \$75 per student, which is \$16,350 for LECS. Carrin asked about a timeline for having the staff proposals, and Sharon said it would be better to have it by the December meeting if staff bonuses will be involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 6, 2010, in the school library.