

Parents' Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010

Attendees: Sandra Timmerman, Drew Boster, Bonnie Campbell, Anne Goodman, Kathy Brindle, Cindy Murray, Bindu Alla, Beth Heaney (apologies for any omissions!)

- Anne Goodman opened the meeting with approval of the November meeting minutes.
- Sandra Timmerman, treasurer, discussed the financial report. As of printing, the Sally Foster fundraiser proceeds had not been received. Lisa Panozzo, chair of Sally Foster, has called our contact to find out where the monies are. Sandra stated that the end-of-year numbers balance with statements.
- Anne Goodman gave an update on Fall Funding. The items approved for funding by Parents' Council were a xylophone for \$950.00, a donation to RAI (Rivermont Academic Invitational) for \$200.00, and a rhythm band set for \$159.95 + s/h. Other requested turned in by teachers will be handled through the school. Rick St. Laurent will work with these teachers individually on their requests. The largest request for Fall Funding came from the music department for a Clavinova keyboard in the amount of \$5700.00. It was decided that the school will finance the purchase of the instrument with Parents' Council reimbursing Rivermont over time. Sandra asked if Foster Music might go down on the price in exchange for advertising in the Rivermont Yearbook, in-kind marketing, etc. Anne will ask Sally Schulz to check into this.
- Bonnie Campbell spoke about the Annual Fund. Currently parent participation is at 21.9%, with 29 families participating. Thirteen of the 29 are board members. Last year we had the same percentages of parent participation in the Annual Fund at this time in the year. Parents' Council will again send out letters and envelopes to try and increase parent participation. Bonnie discussed a visual approach—something similar to the signed red door from year's past, or a scroll diploma with signatures to showcase the participants. Bonnie has extra caps and gowns that could be used for the display. A question was brought up regarding the playground monies collected last year during "fund-a-need" and where we are at with raising more money. Rivermont is still working on getting more funds for the playground. Bonnie will talk to Rick about putting an update in Headlines regarding the playground fund-a-need project. The annual fund is currently at \$143,000 this year--\$133,000 received, \$10,000 in pledges.
- Drew Boster discussed the Endowment campaign. The Endowment is currently at 2.577 million. He explained the differences in the Endowment campaign and the Annual Fund. He stated that the Endowment is like a savings account where we spend only the interest earned and the Annual Fund is more like a checking account for daily expenses like paying the water bill, heat, lights, etc. We are still not ready to "go public" with the Endowment campaign, but it is getting closer. Any questions regarding the Endowment, Annual Fund, or Planned Giving should be directed to Drew Boster, Director of Development.
- Anne Goodman talked about Scrip and reminded everyone that Valentine's Day is another great opportunity to purchase Scrip. Dora Wheeler-Gullickson is the

- contact person for Scrip orders. Sandra suggested putting order forms in the lower foyer of Becherer Hall.
- Anne discussed the newest Parents' Council fundraiser, Red Wheel. Amy Lucas is coordinating this event. The kick-off assembly will be on February 25 at 10:45. Pick up of ordered frozen items will be on March 25 from 3-6 p.m. Make sure clean out your freezer to purchase items from Red Wheel.
 - Beth Heaney spoke about Pancake Tuesday, February 9th, and passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet. The 3rd grade parents are responsible for volunteering to set-up, cook, and clean-up on Pancake Tuesday. The event will be held a week earlier than the traditional Shrove Tuesday date, as we will be on winter break when Lent arrives.
 - Other Business:
 - It was discussed to possibly use the extra Happy Joes fundraising cards from the one-for-books program to generate more monies for the Clavinova. Kathy Brindle will discuss this more with Kristel Ersan.

THE NEXT PARENTS' COUNCIL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 10 AT 8:30 a.m.