

**Goolsby Elementary School Parent Leadership Team
General Session Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009**

Call to Order at 9:17 AM by Laurie Crofton. Board Members Kristen Shomer, Angie Phillips, Korrine Gentner, Jen Shenkberger, and Carolyn Wheeler in attendance. Ms. Blume and Ms. Brinks also in attendance. Thank you for attending.

Protocol & Procedure-Laurie Crofton

Laurie Crofton introduced the new board members and chair persons. She talked about the policies of needing to always check in at the front desk prior to entering the school grounds. This will eliminate people from wandering the halls and ultimately make the grounds safer for all. The confidentiality statement was also discussed. This is a statement to be signed by all people entering the classrooms so that what they may hear in the classrooms does not leave that room. Every child has a right to their family's privacy and we want to honor and respect that.

Financial Report-Jen Shenkberger and Carolyn Wheeler

Current balance approximately \$13,985.86 in our Nevada State Bank Checking account. The treasurers report has now been filed. We started the year with \$13,800.00 and since the 4th of September we have had \$3,991.69 in expenses and \$4,177.65 in income. The proposed budget for this school year is \$29,591.00; this is calculated from estimated expenses of \$49,967.00 and estimated income of \$79,558.00. Carolyn handed out to membership the projected budget for 09-10 for approval. They ask that everyone please use the Deposit forms located in the PLT room. There are also reimbursement forms/check requests. No checks will be written without these forms properly filled out. They cut checks on the 15th and 30th. Please do not hand the treasurers money anymore. It will be greatly appreciated if you use the proper forms to turn in funds.

Principal's Report-Mrs. Blume

This year was the smoothest school opening Mrs. Blume has seen in her years of experience. There are 800 registered students with more to come. She is hoping that with the overflow of registered children, we will be able to get more teachers from the district. Mrs. Blume loves to get suggestions from the parents and welcomes any involvement of the parents. She is very focused on the student's achievement. She sent teachers to the STEAR Retreat for three days to learn how to help students reach their best potential. So far, there are three new teachers this year, they are, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Harden, and Ms. Canfield. The schools are continuing to focus on fine tuning their math skills as a whole. Mrs. Blume is working hard this year to get the families involved as she believes 100% in family partnership.

Teachers Report-Mrs. Grunwald

The literacy center is growing and in need of volunteers. She is in need of people with some sort of background in working with small groups or individual children. She is benchmarking 9-21 through 9-25 and is hoping to have some volunteers by then. She is more than willing to train and the shifts will only be a few hours one day a week.

Room Parent's Report-Becky Torrez

Talked to all about the Fall Festival and the room parent's involvement. This year we are asking the room parents to act as a liaison between the PLT and the classroom teacher. Room parents will also need to make a class basket for the Night in Venice, there will be a school raffle for each basket as the years prior. If anyone would like to address the PLT, please let her know a week prior to meeting so it can be added to the agenda.

Old Business- Candice Kelsey

The PLT worked many hours prior to school opening. They had a PLT work day, they planned a Back to school staff luncheon, and Tissue & Tea for the parents of the kindergartners. We would

like to thank all of the PLT and people that volunteered through out these events. Laurie Crofton advised that the new sound system should be up and running by 9/11/09 per Mr. Schenkberger.

Committee Chairperson's Reports

Fundraising: Angie Phillips sent the Entertainment books home with the children. The books cost \$30.00 and half of that goes back to the school. She is estimating a profit of about \$3,000.00. The snack shack flyer that was sent home says the books are \$20.00, which is to be corrected as the books are \$30.00. September 14th is the last day of the fund raiser. The top seller will win a portable DVD player. As far as other fundraisers this year, we will be having Cookie Dough sales. There will be no catalog sales this year. The holiday shopping will be a bit different this year, please see Angie for suggestions. Thank you so much for your support.

Fundraising Programs: Jessica Smaka and Suzanne Reyes spoke about Box Tops. They are requesting that everyone please use the sheets provided by the teachers or go to the website and print some out. There will be incentives as past years to the class that brings in the most box tops. There is a bulletin board on the back wall in the cafeteria showing the progress of each classroom.

Special Events-Jenn White asked if we know of anyone in uniform; please ask them to come on Patriot day, 9-11. The ROTC will no longer be transporting their people to our event; we will need to rent their van at a cost of \$100.00. She passed around a sheet for volunteers to help set up and break down event. She also needs volunteers for Goodies with Grandparents. She was thinking of charging \$1.00 for pictures, she needs a volunteer to take those pictures. She is in need of a canopy for future events.

Membership-Jacquelyn Trumball, we now have 240 members. WE are in need of 150 people for volunteers. She needs to have 7 volunteers for patriot day. She sent out a form with all students for a membership drive. The form is due back Friday and the class with the most filled out forms wins an ice cream party. The teacher of that class will also receive a gift card to sue for the classroom in the amount of \$200.00.

Community Service-Stacy Aegerter would like to help out our sister school at Tropicana and Boulder. She would really like to get the parents feed back on this. She would like to be ale to reach out to individual teachers and connect with families in need. Her goal is to reach out to families closer to home this year, she would really appreciate any ideas, feel free to call or send her an email.

Snack Shack-Pam Turngreen and Ginny Schwartz advised that the days have changed to Tuesdays and Fridays. They will again be using punch cards, each punch being worth 25 cents.

Traffic Coordinator is still in need of a chair person.

Per Laurie Crofton, the committees can always use more volunteers.

New Business-Laurie Crofton, Korrine Gentner, and Ann Kroll

The business meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month. We took a vote on whether or not to have one in the evening. By a show of hands people preferred to have the one in the fall in the morning and the one in the spring in the evening. Jacquelyn Trumbull made the motion and Jenn White seconded that motion. The family movie night will be Friday September 25, please go to the PLT website to vote for your favorite movie. Corrine discussed T-Shirt sales and stated they were up by \$400.00 already. This is from all of the orders at the open house. It is taking approximately one week at this point to fill all t-shirt orders. As always, spirit day is on Fridays, this is a great time to wear your t-shirts. The price is \$10.00 for child and \$12.00 for adult sizes. We are not sure what Theatre Program to use this year, this will be discussed at the next meeting. Ann Kroll discussed F-Troop. Carolyn Edwards is the trustee for the whole district. John Bass is the representative for Elementary schools. These are very informative meetings about budget cuts, etc. within our district. If you have questions about the district in general, it is a great avenue to get them answered. You can find the information for these meetings on our website under District F Newsletter. Per Laurie, we are in need of someone to prepare and email the news letter. This person should have computer knowledge. The teachers have a wish list on the PLT website. The district no longer gives out \$100.00 to each teacher for misc. items needed in the classroom, so any donations are greatly appreciated. Our first dinner night out at Bajio's has been cancelled. We

are now having it Sept. 16th at Joes Cab Shack. The Fall Festival will be Oct. 24th this year. The first planning meeting will be today, right after this meeting.

Open Floor

Will we be in year round school next year? Mrs. Blume answered, saying she does not know for sure. However, she does know that it usually takes a school to have more than 800 students enrolled for a few years to be considered for year round. This is the first year we may reach that number, so if it were to happen, should be two years, soonest. It was asked if there is a limit to how many students can be enrolled, Mrs. Blume answered no. If the children have proof of residency in our zone, they will be enrolled here, no matter how many student we have.

Daryl Holstein talked about his class, it is held every Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 in the PE room. It will teach your students life skills, respect, how to achieve in life, and how to be a leader. The cost is \$70.00 a month with a discount for PLT board.

Motion to approve May 12, 2009 Minutes introduced by Becky Torrez, seconded by Jen Felger, unanimously passed.

Adjournment at 10:20 AM, passed unanimously by Candice Kelsey and Stacy Aegerter. Next meeting October 14th, 7:00 PM