

FUND69 Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2006

In attendance: Annie Uchtman, Laura Williams, Terri Lefler, Angelica Studer, Gil Poppenhagen, Debbie Rizki, Alina Dellota, Dr. Rebecca Nelson, Mylinda LaPaglia, Renee Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.

Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting on 9/13/06 were previously distributed via e-mail. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from this meeting without any corrections. It was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Terri read an update from Mrs. Dellota and Mrs. Corday at Edison regarding the Games to Go program, including feedback from both parents and students about the games. Terri will type up a list of these comments and will circulate to the Board members. A brief discussion ensued about the district's policy regarding student pictures and their names on our website.

Committee Reports

Committees are expected to be formed in November.

Old Business

1. Walk-a-thon Updates

This year, the walk-a-thon had 255 participants, and we had a net revenue of \$4,591.00, which was greater than we made last year. The teacher representatives will follow up with all of their respective teachers to make sure that all prizes from the raffle have been claimed.

Most of the thank you notes have been completed, including those to the teachers who donated items to the raffle. Terri and Laura will each e-mail their lists around to make sure that no one has been accidentally overlooked.

New Business

1. Grants

We are considering moving up the grant deadline so that awards may be made sooner. The applications are currently available on our website. The deadline for the grant applications will be December 1, 2006 and we will plan on making the awards in late December, before Winter Break begins. Depending on how much money we have available, we will consider having two award periods this year, with a second round of awards in the springtime.

District 69 students will not have school on Tuesday, November 7th because of Election Day. This day will, however, be an Institute Day for the teachers. Representatives from the Board would like to make a brief presentation at each of the three schools to discuss the grant application process and award schedule as well as the upcoming fundraiser at Barnes & Noble. Laura offered to contact each of the principals to arrange a convenient time for us to speak to the three faculties, since they will not all be together on 11/7.

2. Lincoln Teacher Representative Change

Due to a scheduling conflict, Therese Block will not be able to attend the monthly FUND69 meetings. We will therefore be welcoming a new teacher representative from Lincoln starting at the November meeting, Haidee (“Heidi”) Fernandez. Therese will continue to be involved by assisting Haidee as much as she can.

3. Barnes & Noble Event, 12/9/06

At our last book store event in April, each school had two hour blocks assigned to them during which time teachers were encouraged to plan some student activity that might help draw parents to the store. The times in the spring were: Madison, 9-11 am (due to an event at the store); Edison, 12-2 pm; and Lincoln, 3-5 pm. Of these three, the Edison slot was the least attended.

For the upcoming event in December, the teacher representatives were now asked to create time slots for their school schedules and to speak to their faculty about how they would like to help and/or participate on that day. Annie will check with the Old Orchard store to see if there are any scheduled store events on that day that might conflict with the time slots.

As we learned after our spring event, the Barnes & Noble vouchers may be used up to one entire week after the actual book fair date. This is not something that the store generally publicizes, but it is something that we would like our community to know about this time. We will need to have copies of the B&N vouchers sent home in the Friday folders and also make them available on the website. Renee Miller is once again willing to help create a handout with the vouchers included.

We will also be able to provide gift wrapping services at the store on 12/9 and keep any of the donations that are made as a thank you for this service. Gil offered to coordinate volunteers for this.

Open Forum

Annie announced, for Maggie Meixner, that there will be a rally for education funding (“Better Funding for Better Schools”) this coming Saturday, 10/14, in downtown Chicago. Maggie hopes to have a group of District 69 parents attend this; please contact her if you are interested in going.

Next meeting dates:

- FUND69 General Meeting – Wednesday, 11/8, 7:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.