

FUND69 Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2007

In attendance: Annie Uchtman, Laura Williams, Angelica Studer, Terri Lefler, David Donegan, Gil Poppenhagen, Debbie Rizki, Alina Delotta, Haidee Fernandez, Dr. Becky Nelson, Lori Miller, Renee Miller, Maggie Nessim
Absent: Mylinda LaPaglia (PTA representative)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Special Presentation

On behalf of the PAC, Coalition for Smart Schools, as well as Jim Sands and herself, Maggie Nessim presented a donation to FUND69.

Minutes

The minutes from the general meeting on 4/11/07 were previously distributed via e-mail. Amendment is needed for some points made during Carla Sands' discussion of a potential link between FUND69 and the Fine Arts Booster (FAB) Club. Annie will send these corrections to Terri.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the amended minutes.

Correspondence

Terri distributed two student-made books made by 4th grade classrooms using December 2006 grant award materials (*National Geographic* U.S. region books).

Committee Reports

1. Grants

Deferred to New Business

2. Corporate Sponsorship

None

Old Business

1. Graziano's Fundraiser

During our fundraising night, there were just over \$1900 in sales. FUND69 will therefore earn \$500 net profit.

New Business

1. Grant Review and Voting

We received a total of 15 grant proposals, or approximately \$6000 in requests. The few proposals which were submitted after the deadline were declined. Members of the Grant Committee once again individually evaluated each proposal using a rubric; the committee then met as a group to discuss each one and agree upon their recommendations. A summary of the details of each grant, including the materials requested, the target population, the dollar amount,

and the recommendations of the Grant Committee, was distributed via e-mail last Friday to all Board members.

Tonight, each Board member received copies of each of the blinded grant proposals. It was agreed that the entire Board would complete an initial review of all of the grants and then vote on those which were eligible for further consideration.

After this initial review, the Board agreed that 8 of the 15 proposals would be placed forward for further consideration.

A more extensive discussion ensued about grant #13, including the proven usefulness of these materials within the school building and how they have correlated with students' reading scores. A motion was made to provide partial funding for this grant.

The following grants were approved:

- ELL literacy kits, \$454.43 (Amy Anderson, Edison)
- Four sets of *National Geographic Explorer* magazine, \$486.00 (4th and 5th grade teams, Edison)
- Two light microscopes and one set of human tissue slides, \$475.00 (5th grade team, Edison)
- Supplemental materials to extend the *Math Trailblazers* series, \$263.84 (Stephanie Crane, Katie Perry, Ashley Russow, & Gerry Wattenbarger, Edison)
- Compact refrigerator for 6th grade physical science unit, \$315.00 (Angela Mell, Lincoln)
- "Read-Together" take-home literacy backpacks, \$431.25 (Jennifer Hook, Beth Levin, & Hillary Schab, Madison)
- Wall-mounted display case for ABC Team student & classroom recognition, \$350.00 (Maggie Lutz, Edison)
- "Sunsprouts" leveled reading library materials, \$200.00 (Rhonda Cohen, Madison)

Based on the grants above, the total amount in awards is \$2,975.52. Each recipient will be informed that if any of their original estimates exceed that stated in his or her proposal, the FUND69 Board will need to be notified. A motion was made to approve the grant award total, seconded, and carried unanimously.

The follow-up plan was discussed:

- Notification letters will be generated for all grant submissions, whether it is to be funded or not, and delivered to each of the appropriate teachers by May 15th (Terri)
- The teacher representatives will not discuss the results of tonight's voting at their buildings, but, if asked about the outcome, will suggest that the teachers contact a FUND69 Board member.
- Because of the lateness of the school calendar, an in-service re: grants and how to submit a proposal will not be held this year. However, we do plan on hosting an in-service at all three schools during the next school year, most likely in the early spring (possibly March). We should be able to include some information about the spring 2008 walk-a-thon at this time, too.
- We will contact the principals at the schools to see if we might be able to make a brief presentation at a faculty meeting re: grant recipients before the end of this year (Laura).

Open Forum

The Oktoberfest event at the White Eagle will be held Friday, 10/19/07. A deposit check was written tonight.

Next meeting dates:

- FUND69 General Meeting – Because of a scheduling conflict with two different Board members, the next meeting will be held on June 27th rather than June 13th. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.