

**Lamping PTA General Meeting**  
**January 13, 2010**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Mr. O'Dowd, Tara Imboden, Jenn Blackhurst, Jill Marker, Angela Kupiec, Jen Woodie, Lori English, Benita Ralston, Stacey Allen, Gina Wulfekuhle, Dawn Urban, Kathy Disney-Fairchild, Sue Disney, Steve Mirsky, Renay Mirsky, Miki Reid, Paula Watson, Melissa Juliano, Erica Bozarth, Christie Young, Brian Youngblood, David McArthur, Dana Czerwinski

**Welcome and Announcements:** Jenn B. passed out thank you cards given by staff to the PTA in appreciation for first aid bags that were handed out and for the Staff Luncheon. A letter was entered from the Public Ed. Foundation in recognition of two weeks of sponsored Science by the PTA. She thanked Stacey Allen for last month's Giving Tree. Also, to Shay McLean and everyone who helped during Staff Appreciation. Jenn B. announced that the AZAC Input Meeting would be at Coronado H.S. at 6 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend and give their input. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the PTA took advantage of a holiday offer on Promethean Boards and purchased 4 new boards for Lamping. They have been delivered and will be installed next week.

**Minutes:** from December 9, 2009 were accepted as written with noted changes made in Red. The clarification (**because we sold more and had to pay more**) was added to Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report** Angela Kupiec presented an updated Balance Sheet as of January 12 with a \$46,983.69 balance. The Profit & Loss statement shows that income came from Yearbook sales and some enrichment programs. Expenses were mostly from teacher supplies and the line item labeled School Goals for \$ 8,698.00 was from the cost of the new Promethean boards. She thanked Scott Fairchild for his help in filing November's taxes.

**Report from Mr. O'Dowd:** Mr. O'Dowd reflected that this would probably be his last PTA Meeting. He thanked everyone for their support, involvement & commitment to Lamping and the Science Center. He asked the PTA to continue with their support when the new principal is announced. Mr. O'Dowd along with his office manager, Espy will start their Wallin E.S. duties next week, but he will still be at Lamping as the new principal makes the transition. Jenn B. thanked him for the phenomenal partnership he's had with the PTA. She expressed appreciation for all Mr. O'Dowd has done for the kids, the parents, and the school. Jenn B. told Mr. O'Dowd that we are all excited for him in his new adventure, but are sad to see him go.

**Fundraising Mega Party:** Dana Czerwinski/Jen Woodie reported that the Mega Party is set for Friday, January 22, but rain is forecasted so the weather is a concern. Since the time the Flyer went out, the Risk Management Office at CCSD has contacted the school and inflatables will no longer be allowed on school campus. In response, additional sports games will be provided along with a face painter and popcorn.

The question put before the board was whether to keep the Mega Party during school hours and on school grounds but without including inflatables or because the PTA has insurance to cover inflatables to move the Mega Party off the school grounds and schedule it after school hours. She asked for input/opinion. After discussion Miki Reid made the motion to keep the Mega Party on school campus and during school hours, which would exclude inflatables from being used, Angela Kupiec seconded. The vote was in favor (none opposed) of leaving the Mega Party on school grounds during school hours.

Mr. O'Dowd wanted to have it clearly communicated on the news letter that there would be no obstacle course, and that it wasn't a PTA decision but a CCSD safety decision. Additionally, a decision will be made by next Monday or Tuesday if the date will be changed due to inclement weather.

**Community Service:** Stacey Allen announced that the Giving Tree went well and that over 200 gifts were received. Those were distributed to families at Robert Taylor E.S and Lamping E.S. Also, some were given to the KLUC Toy Drive. She thanked everyone who helped. The second UNLV game will be against Utah and is scheduled at the Thomas & Mack on January 16. Lamping will have its own section. Since it is Kids' Night there will be additional activities at the Cox Pavilion beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available for the game on line until 48 hour prior and the school will receive \$ 3.00 per ticket sold. Stacey asked for ideas for Spring Community Service projects.

**Staff Appreciation:** Jenn B. reported for Shay McLean and commented on how well the function went and asked for feedback or suggestions.

**Reflections Ceremony:** Jenn B. reported for Kim Tait / Kim Howarth. The Reflections projects are on track and are all being judged now, with the ceremony scheduled for the evening of February 10 at 6:30 p.m. Any 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be notified ahead of time and sent an invitation by mail. Wining projects will then be sent to state for judging. Ms. Imboden asked for the list of winners as it becomes available.

**Valograms:** Miki Reid reported that Valograms will be delivered Friday, February 12. The last day to turn them in will be February 5<sup>th</sup>. Each Valogram will cost \$1, or 6 for \$5, and M&M's or Skittles will be delivered. The only change from last year is that the teachers will receive a large bag of Hershey's Kisses with all the notes attached instead of carnations. She asked if she could get help cutting and sorting before and after the next PTA Meeting.

**Watch DOGS-** David McArthy reported that the Watch DOGS met on December 9, 2009 and about 20 men attended. He explained that he had Bob Mars volunteer to help him and that Bob had some previous experience setting up the program at his school. At that meeting he had commitments for the first two weeks of February. He has scheduled the official kick-off pizza party for 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 28. David is hoping with the added notice he will generate a higher attendance. The marquee, stickers for students' shirts, flyers, and the news letter were all recommended as ways for him to generate attendance. He encouraged each person to invite everyone to attend. Our new counselor, Ms. Ledbetter has volunteered to be the staff liaisons; she has previous experience from Bartlett E.S. David met with the faculty to get their support and asked for ideas/thoughts/suggestions. He is waiting on feedback from a questionnaire he distributed. He can be contacted at [watchdogs@lampingelementary.com](mailto:watchdogs@lampingelementary.com). The male volunteers will be asked to purchase a \$12 shirt (to identify them) and help out one morning from 8:15 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

### **New Business:**

**Standard Student Attire** (School Uniforms) - Mr. O'Dowd reported that Lamping has been a mandatory uniform school for the last 8 years. The name changed to Standard School Attire 4 years ago. The community needs to be resurveyed every 4 years to see if they want to remain a uniform school and Lamping is due April of 2010. A committee at Lamping was set up that consists of students, parents, and teachers to relook at what the students are allowed to wear. They have resolved to leave the policy unchanged. Every family will be receiving a survey in the mail from the Research and Accountability Dept. at CCSD. The uniform options are listed according to gender and surveys are returned to the School District where they are tabulated. 51 % or greater approval rating is needed. Mr. O'Dowd doesn't foresee any problems. The choices will be the same with the only clarification being that now the color white has been officially accepted as a color for bottoms (it was previously allowed but never written) and the wording "no tank tops" was added. Results will be communicated back in May. The committee must meet 5 times to allow for open discussion.

### **Upcoming Events:**

1/13	AZAC Public Input Meeting, 6 p.m.
1/14	Area 3 PAC Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
1/15	Staff Development Day- No School
1/18	MLK Holiday
1/22	Fundraiser Mega Party
2/10	PTA General Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
2/10	Reflections Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
2/12	Valogram Delivery
2/15	Presidents' Day Holiday
2/19	Staff Development Day- No School
3/1 – 3/5	Nevada Reading Week

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.