

Grant School Foundation
Meeting, Minutes, June 24, 2009

Present:

Eric Page, President
Monique Robertson, Principal
Rajan Agarwal, Foundation Treasurer
Jonathan Bailey
Cheryl Barker
Bruce Bourdon
Jon Bowers
Gina Caparell
Michael Katz
Sabine Steck
Ginger Tyson
Ron Zollman, Foundation Secretary

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 pm on the schoolyard at Grant Elementary School.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the ByLaws of the Foundation such that Foundation Board shall have a minimum of two representatives from Grant's Governance Committee, one of whom must be the Principal. Following discussion the motion was approved.

A motion was made to elect Gina Caparell, who is both a parent and a Grant teacher, to the Foundation Board; as well as Principal Monique Robertson; and Sabine Steck, a parent who is also on SSC. Following discussion, the Board voted to elect these three individuals to the Foundation Board.

Mr. Agarwal presented his finance report, reviewing the balance of cash held by the Foundation, spending, collections, status of tax filing activities, and results of last year's fundraising activities. Various questions were asked and answered. Mr. Agarwal advised that he plans to file all tax returns that are due (for 2005 through 2008) by the start of the new school year in September 2009.

Mr. Page led a discussion concerning spending goals and ideas for possible expenditures. He suggested that the August Foundation meeting address fundraising in more detail. Some of the possible goals include raising funds for:

Technology
The Gekko Garden
Spanish instruction
Science instruction
Refilling lost magnet funds

Mr. Zollman agreed to see if someone from Bird Rock Elementary would present information to this Foundation concerning fundraising methods at Bird Rock. Others on the Grant Foundation Board said they could also look for and report on methods that have worked for other schools. Mr. Bourdon recommended that Grant should have a single fundraising letter and “ask” for funds, in place of multiple requests for funds during the year (no motion was made and no vote was taken on this suggestion).

Mr. Page led a brief discussion on the topic of whether the Grant School Foundation should merge with the PTA or merge into a new entity outside of PTA. No vote was taken or action resolved.

Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Barker reported on the Grant Gala, and proposed a tentative date for the 2010 Gala. Following discussion, April 25, 2009 was approved as a tentative date. Various aspects of the ticket price and cost structure for the Gala were discussed, with various perspectives shared. No motions were made or passed concerning pricing of tickets or cost structure.

The Board agreed to meet again on August 20, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron S. Zollman, Foundation Secretary