

Albemarle School Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting

9/18/2011

Present: PThompson, Chair, BStallings, Principal, KCerveney, Secretary, SStallings, KBone, CBorg, TJennings, LChambers.

Absent: HWinslow, Treasurer, WMeade, Vice-chair

Call to order: PThompson at 6:00 pm

Introduction of Visitors: Megan Sabin, Laura Wailey

Approval of Minutes: Doug Spaeth incorrectly identified as Walter Spaeth under the finance section. Approved with changes (SS/CB, paased)

Principal's report:

Enrollment as listed

Report Cards indicated grades are up from the previous 2 years.

Teacher Observations continue with feedback back to most teachers so far.

Bright Ideas grant was awarded elsewhere, but 2 teachers applied for it.

Volleyball team performed well and we are heading into basketball season. Coaches are in place and there are a few remaining sports physicals to be done.

The Fall Festival will be on this Friday and volunteer turnout has been excellent.

State of Education breakfast to be held 11/2 at 0730, see Mr Stallings for details or tickets.

SACS-committees have been working hard to develop evidences for over 60 indicators. The board is asked for input with regard to the challenges the school has faced over the past 3 years. Thoughts include the change in headmaster, economic downturn and loss of teachers to public schools.

Playground has been ordered. See attached. We purchased this system for \$12957 which was approx \$4500 less that quote due to reduced shipping costs (free) and a sale. Some \$16000 has been collected. We will need timbers to make a boundar. These are quite expensive but Albemarle Electric may be a source of old poles (no longer creosote covered). Suzanne shared information about mulch prices. We may be able to additionally purchase a swing set system with the leftover funds.

Facilities-Lights installed outside cafeteria and 3-5grade walkway which will provide more safety for those who arrive early and/or leave late in the evening, The bleacher boards need to be replaced before basketball season. 4 new cameras were installed.

Red Ribbon week is coming up. This supports drug awareness.

Attendance and Honor Roll recognition is intended as an incentive and a small ceremony will be held for the lower, middle and high schools separately.

Finance Committee (see attached)

Have not heard back from Mr Spaeth. A motion was made to stay with our current

CPA, Mason Spruill (KB/KC), passed. A motion was made to proceed with this necessary but much less costly compilation rather than an audit (KB/KC, passed).

Fundraising/Development

Applebees fundraiser-no totals yet.

Fashion show-no date set yet.

Candle sales approved by Mr Borg for the Jr Prom.

Colt Boards renewals have been brisk with several due, totalling approx \$2950. Date of renewals should be changed to a standard date rather than staggered for simplicity.

Seafood Festival plans in the works, tickets are ready to go home. PPP hours to be awarded for selling tickets, 1 hour per 5 tickets.

Facilities

As above. The second clean up day was attended by 5 parents. Chair for this committee is still needed.

Hospitality

Spaghetti dinner in the works. Ms Pat and Ms Kay to make the pasta. A flyer has been developed and the cost will be \$5 per person. The agenda is to be announced.

SACS

Megan Sabin asks about plans for the combined 3/4th grade class. Whether the class will remain combined depends on enrollment and may be able to be predicted with early registration in the Spring.

Alumni-no report

PPP

Still need chair. Discussion was raised as to whether 60 hours at \$10 per hour ideal. There are some schools with a 30 hour at \$20 per hour model. The consensus is that we should encourage opportunities rather than the focus on number of hours that can be achieved.

Old Business

Student participation on Board is discussed. A motion to appoint 2 students to the Board, one in the Senior class and one in the Junior class (chosen by teachers) was made (KB/KC, passed).

New Business

Megan Sabin submitted a proposal to collect and submit boxtops for PPP hours. However, we already have a parent doing this (Ms Bright). Therefore a motion was made not to allow PPP hours for collecting box tops (KB/MR, passed).

Ms Klett is interested in the Heiffer organization which helps to raise money for sustainable donations to communities in need. Her proposal states that if \$500 is raised, Mr Stallings will dress up like a cow and if \$1000 is raised, he will graze. The timing of this project was discussed and it is felt that the best results can be obtained by delaying the project until the Spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm after motion to do so (KB/SS, passed).

The next meeting will be at 6pm on 11/21/2011 in the media room.

These minutes were recorded and transcribed by KCervený

*note: "passed" indicates unanimous approval of a motion. If there is less than unanimous approval, it will be stated as such.