



Garden Oaks Elementary

“A Place Where Children Flourish!”

Lindsey Pollock, Principal

Moses Diaz, Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Committee members present were: Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Knauth, Ms. Pollock, Mr. Turner, Mr. Valladares and Dr. Williams. Guests: Ms. Carson and Mr. Diaz.

New Business:

The meeting began with an update from Mrs. Knauth, Garden Oaks FOM Chapter President. She reported the 16th annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction grossed about \$18,000. While all the expenses had not yet been tabulated, she expected them to come in around \$2,000. The event was lots of fun and was made possible by the generosity of the teachers and community. Ms. Pollock recognized the Harriet and Joe Foster YMCA for donating child care for the event which made things run smoothly.

Neighborhood Vanguard/Gifted and Talented Program updates were provided by Mr. Valladares. He stated that G/T identification is pending the results of the Stanford and Aprenda assessments. He shared that the G/T Expo at Gregory Lincoln had 5 projects exhibited from Garden Oaks. Students shared their work. While this was the first year at the Expo, he shared that it was a great event and that next year we would be more organized to ensure that more students were involved. He indicated that he is working with Ms. Fearon to schedule the May PK G/T assessment and will announce the date at the next SDMC meeting.

Ms. Pollock reported that she had been contacted by Nathan Graf in Michelle Pola's office today regarding a Magnet grant. She will attend a meeting Friday afternoon at 3pm to learn more details and if the grant will be applicable for Garden Oaks.

Ms. Pollock informed the committee that the State of the Schools Luncheon would be Friday, Feb 19th at the Hilton of the Americas. The school purchased a table and invitees from SDMC and parents will attend along with Mr. Diaz and Ms. Pollock. A breakfast meeting for teachers was suggested by Dr. Williams as a way to informally meet with teachers and generate feedback.

Technology upgrades are top priority for funding on the campus. The suggestion to have a Writing Night to include parents was discussed. Cinco de Mayo will be observed again this year as a campus assembly. Ms. Knauth asked if Ms. Evans would consider extended library hours which might increase circulation and parents in the library in order to generate excitement around a media center upgrade (*Later discussion with Ms. Evans resulted in her enthusiasm for such a schedule, however, present family commitments preclude that possibility at this present time.*)

Budget for the past few weeks has been worked on with representatives at HMW. Conversation with Will Bass has cleared up the mystery of where the tuition dollars are applied in the budget and we are once again in the black. Mr. Turner suggested that the school apply for an ExxonMobil grant which can be up to \$10,000 and volunteers.

Old Business:

USTA representatives will be at school on Sat. Feb 20th to teach lessons for free at the Quick Start Tennis Court. Signs have been installed on the court regarding usage guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Next SDMC meeting is Wednesday, February 10th at 3:30pm
*Garden Oaks Elementary SDMC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the
Garden Oaks Teacher Lounge*