

**FARRAGUT PTA MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2007**

PRESENT: Amy Anderson, Ann Easley Bishop, Barbara Brown, Kriszta Callahan, Maria Ceniseros, Robert Charney, Barbara Clark, Terry Delegeane, Julie Dumas, Alan Elmont, Michael Engel, Melissa Lane, Steve Levin, Doris Schaffer, Robin Schneider, Bridget Van Slyke, Amy Shimoda, Bonnie Wacker, Dina Wahlert, Deborah Weinrauch

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:20 in the library. President Terry Delegeane, presiding.

Item 1 I. Secretary's Report

Ann Easley Bishop presented the minutes from the November 20, 2007 meeting for approval. Alan Elmont made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Item 2. Treasurer's Report

Terry presented the report from November 19-December 18 for review. Check #s 2106-2120 (#2115 voided) totaling \$1,846.39 were presented for ratification. This amount included check printing fees. Alan Elmont moved to approve these checks. The motion was seconded and approved.

Item 3. Principal's Report

Barbara Brown reported on the following topics:

- a) Our recent gift collection for A Family Place was a huge success. We were able to provide 23 families with gift baskets. On January 14, a presentation will be made to the City Council regarding A Family Place. The student council may be asked to attend as a show of support for this organization.
- b) The 4th grade will be taking a trip to the Wetlands later in January.
- c) We had a huge turnout for the recent Winter Concert. The audience was entertained by our talented student musicians and choir members.
- d) Reflections had 49 entrants with 5 continuing on to the District competition. This is a new record for Farragut. Bridget Van Slyke reported that 90 students attended the workshops.
- e) Amy Anderson, Assistant Principal, is working on a School Safety Cohesive Study Plan for the District. Ms. Anderson stated she has reviewed individual school safety plans and hopes to standardize these plans throughout the District. There are specific procedures set for different types of emergencies. Ms. Anderson requested assistance organizing Farragut's emergency bin. Anyone interested in helping can contact her at amyanderson@ccusd.org. She is hoping to get this done on January 17 or 18.

Item 4. Teacher Representative's Report

Mrs. Doris Schaffer reported on the following topics:

- a) All of the teachers extend their thanks for the monthly breakfasts provided by the PTA.
- b) The kids and the teachers are enjoying all of the music classes. Do Re Mi and Wolf Trap are especially fun. Michael Engel noted he hopes to videotape a kindergarten music class to use for direct donation solicitation.
- c) Teachers have some concerns about field trips and possible funds needed for charter buses. There was a problem with a recent 4th grade trip where a District driver was out sick and a charter bus was used to replace a District bus. Steve Levin suggested the PTA or Fan Club establish a fund to supplement these costs when they occur. There will be further discussion regarding this matter.

Item 5. President's Report

Terry Delegeane did not report on specific topics.

Item 6. Committee Chair Reports

- a) CBAC- Alan Elmont reported that an independent audit was done and the District is in good financial shape this year. The budget for next year will be cut \$850,000.00. This is a result of state-wide cuts. CBAC is looking into where to make the cuts and how to bring other revenue into the District.

Item 8. Old Business

- a) Mrs. Brown was happy to announce that the DARE bins are gone. She is hoping to have the trash bins relocated to the back of the natatorium. Another alternative would be to have locks placed on the trash bins.
- b) Teachers are being surveyed regarding their interest in maintaining the garden.

Item 9. New Business

- a) Concerns are growing over the increase in traffic on the streets bordering campus. The City Council will soon be voting on whether or not to hire crossing guards. Other ideas include creating one-way traffic around Coombs Park. Parent volunteers may be asked to act as crossing guards.

Item 10. Announcements and Upcoming Events

- a) Winter Break December 24- January 7 (school resumes January 7)
- b) FFAST sessions begin the week of January 14
- c) PTA/Fan club meeting January 15 at 6:30
- d) Group Picture Day January 17
- e) Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (no school) January 21
- f) Staff development/Pupil Free Day (no school) January 28

Item 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Ann Easley Bishop

Recording Secretary