



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

December 2010

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BOARD REPORT

November 8 Board Meeting Report

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

BOE – Delbert Armbrust reported on the KASB Fall Regional meeting that he attended.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: departmental meetings and classroom observations taking place; KSDE Assessment Conference; Site-Council Meeting topics; handing out a copy of the first edition of the school newspaper “The Quarterly Scoop”; and a list of upcoming events.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: Building Team process with more parent involvement; KSDE Assessment Conference; Title I Schoolwide training and progress; and upcoming activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: construction update; SHESC Legislative Luncheon; KASB State Convention; hosting the sectional football game this Friday against Stanton County with kickoff at 6:00; read one thank you note; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Supplemental Positions—Trish JuAire was approved as the Forensics sponsor and Tanner Roney as the Asst’ MS Boys’ Basketball coach.

Fund Raisers—Proposed fund raisers for the music department and the cheerleaders were approved.

Student Out-of-State Travel Requests—The requests for a group of FFA students to attend the National Western Livestock Show in Denver and for a music trip to perform at Elitch Gardens Music Festival in Denver were approved.

Staff Out-of-State Travel Requests—The requests for Michelle Werner to attend a conference in Tulsa and for Lee Weis to attend and present at the National Agriscience Academy in Las Vegas were approved.

2009-2010 State Assessments—Mrs. Sprinkle and Mr. McDaniel shared the building level results of last year’s State Assessments.

2009-2010 Kansas Communities That Care Survey—I shared the results of last year’s survey.

KASB Legislative Platform—The KASB slate of officers, resolutions and policy changes were discussed and direction was given to Delbert as he represents the board at the State Convention.

There was one Executive Session for Student Matter. No action took place following it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Geena Kejr, Vice-President Jeff Parker or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

CPTA MINUTES for Monday, October 18, 2010

Attendance:

Angela Hopkins	Dianne Schulz
Tara Richards	Dana Sprinkle
Mindy Schneider	Courtney Clifford-Schneider
Jennifer Walker	Desiree O’Shea
Ben O’Shea	Darcy Bradley
Lisa Wilvers	Dawn Pierce
Dana Maize	

Principal’s Report:

Mrs. Sprinkle said she did not have anything to report, since she is not going over calendar activities and dates.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes were reviewed from the September 2010 meeting. Darcy Bradley made a motion to approve these and Mindy Schneider seconded. All approved. Angela Hopkins also passed around a thank you from Shelly Stegman.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$9,851.26

Library Fund Balance: \$5,738.12

Mrs. Sprinkle said the invoice for Book Fair has not yet been paid.

OLD BUSINESS

Carnival Update

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that the income was \$3,373 and expenses were \$1,631, for a profit of \$1,742.

She said it went very well and clean up was very easy. They did not have enough volunteers, so they had to shut down some of the games for the smaller kids. She estimated that there were approximately 130 people, with 95 pre-sold tickets. The committee has sent out a survey form for more input.

Box Tops/Soup Labels

Mrs. Sprinkle reported that Heidi Green told her we have collected 1,100 box tops that she will be sending in this week.

Fall Pictures

Courtney Clifford-Schneider said that it went well, and went very fast. They were done by 10:15am. Pictures were sent out today, and possibly some will get them tomorrow. Darcy Bradley said she got 3 of her kids' pictures and they had told her that it was very fast and you could tell with a couple that it looked like they weren't ready. Retakes are October 25th.

Parent/Teacher Conference Meal

Courtney Clifford-Schneider said it went well, they did sandwiches and wraps this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Sock Hop/ Red Ribbon Week

Courtney Clifford-Schneider said that flyers are ready and will be sent out the end of this week and the beginning of November. Mrs. Sprinkle asked her to remind Jennifer Colgrove that all flyers need to go through Mrs. Sprinkle for review before sending out. The Sock Hop will be held on November 4th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Our previous School Resource officer and our new SRO will both be DJ'ing. Courtney also said they had some snack mix left over from Carnival that they are going to use for snacks.

Santa Shopping/Read with Santa

Courtney Clifford-Schneider said that both will be held on the same night, December 14th. The shopping will run from after school until Read with Santa is over. Flyers will be sent closer to time.

Die Cuts vs. Cricut machine

Mrs. Sprinkle reported that the school has purchased a new type of die cut machine, called Cricut. It seems to be working well and offers a lot more options for die cuts. You can get supplies at Wal-Mart or Hobby Lobby. They are currently on sale at Hobby Lobby. It is something that people will need to be trained to use and will be located in the library. Mrs. Sprinkle asked that we use the Die Cut budget of \$250 and purchase Cricut cartridges instead. Ben O'Shea made a motion to use the Die Cut budget to purchase the Cricut cartridges, Courtney Clifford-Schneider seconded. All approved.

Desiree O'Shea won the door prize of a Candle and Towel.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by Angela Hopkins, Secretary

CPTA MINUTES for Monday, November 15, 2010

Attendance:

Angela Hopkins

Dianne Schulz

Tara Richards
Mindy Schneider
Dawn Pierce
Brooke Riedel
Michelle Cooper

Dana Sprinkle
Mendee Kramer
Darci Ditto
Dana Maize
Jennifer Colgrove

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Sprinkle wanted to make sure to reiterate that any notes being sent home need to go through the office first. One, the office staff need to know the information for any questions that might arise, and two, they try and catch any typos.

She also wanted feedback on the school newsletter. She puts it on the district website as well, but wanted to see about sending it through email, like the ECHO is primarily done now. Most like the paper copy and the benefit of having it on the website for future reference.

She wanted information about state test snacks budget. It is \$200. She said the committee is getting ready to plan for that. Mrs. Sprinkle wanted feedback on the use of Study Island. Some people were not aware of it. It is www.studyisland.com with the user name: (first initial)(full last name)@ese and password: student's first name. Some kids have gotten on it. She said the 2-6th grades use it for State Assessment Preparation. Darci Ditto said that at South Middle, the kids can get on it directly from their website by clicking a button.

She also reported only 23 school days left in the first semester!

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were reviewed from the October 2010 meeting. Darci Ditto made a motion to approve these and Dawn Pierce seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Anita Bird was not at the meeting and no one had the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Classroom volunteers

Mendee Kramer said the Halloween parties went very well. Only one class has open spots for parties, but she believes those will fill up soon.

Fundraising

Mindy Schneider first reported that the lady helping us, Judy, had gotten in touch with her to get a school directory so that she could start getting names entered for the orders. Jennifer Colgrove arrived and reported that the flyer is going out tomorrow, with a letter attached with instruction and information. The fundraiser will last through Thanksgiving, with a due date of November 29th, and a final date of December 1st. Orders are directly shipped to students' homes. It was suggested that we make sure orders are copied so that we can get those home as well, since a detailed order form is not included with the order.

Mendee Kramer also reported that she had seen some emails about collecting old cell phones and ink cartridges for money, and that might be something we could do. Mrs. Sprinkle wanted to make sure to get all the info on it, as she has heard of people losing money. Mendee said she would look into it further.

Box Tops/Soup Labels

Mrs. Sprinkle reported that Heidi Green told her she sent in 1,200 box tops and she has another 1,500 to send. A lot of the sticker sheets have been sent back in, and Heidi is planning to do another one in December.

Sock Hop

Jennifer Colgrove reported that it went well and that 118 cans of food were donated to the Food Bank. It was remarked that the music was different, and Mrs. Sprinkle said that the DJ's went to get the equipment that afternoon and discovered that both the CD's and the computer with their downloaded music was gone, so they ended up using their own music. The kids did not seem to mind.

NEW BUSINESS

Santa Shopping/Read with Santa

Mindy Schneider reported for Courtney Clifford-Schneider that it is being planned and a flyer will go out soon.

Cici's Restaurant Night

The fundraising night is this Thursday, November 18 from 11am to 10pm at Cici's. Info went home today.

Cricut machine

Mrs. Sprinkle thanked the group for the Cricut machine. It has been being used.

Dana Maize won the door prize of movie tickets.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by Angela Hopkins, Secretary

FFA JR. HIGH AG DAY

On October 27, 2010, the Ell-Saline FFA Chapter sponsored a district-wide Jr. High Ag Day. Chapter officers Amanda Reed and Kaitlyn Christensen organized the event. When asked what the purpose of the event was, Amanda Reed said, "We wanted to encourage eighth graders to join FFA in high school by allowing them to experience some of the activities involved in the organization." Last spring, Amanda applied for two grants, one from the Youth GrantMakers Council and another from Farm Bureau, and received money from both organizations to help fund the event. The officers chose Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure as the ideal location for the activity. Amanda said, "Rolling Hills is located within our school's district. In addition, we have FFA members who volunteer and work at the zoo."

To begin the day, State FFA Reporter Sara Schifferdecker addressed the eighth graders as the keynote speaker, talking to them about her personal experiences as an FFA member. Following Sara's address, the North Central District Officers shared some of their experiences as well. Then, the students had the opportunity to participate in a competition that combined a variety of FFA contests. They identified horse and cattle breeds, cheeses, insects, plants, and agricultural equipment. After lunch, the eighth graders attended sessions taught by the chapter officers. Tate Omli and Cain Fouard had a food science activity that taught more about Career Development Events. Missy Wimer and Clay Gorrell educated the students about Supervised Agricultural Experience programs through a "Jeopardy" game. Finally, Amanda Reed and Kaitlyn Christensen spoke about a few agricultural careers.

After a quick tour of the Rolling Hills Museum, the eighth graders with the top ten test scores from earlier in the day were recognized to conclude the day's activities.

In addition to the officers, JohnPaul Schneider, Monika Grant, Bethany Bell, Tyler Cates, Faith Rasmussen, and Levi Chermak helped with the event. Chapters that attended included Ell-Saline, Wilson, Chapman, Southeast of Saline, Salina Central, Clay Center, Clifton-Clyde, Solomon, and Rock Hills. The event was organized by the Ell-Saline FFA Chapter. When asked for her reaction to the day's proceedings, Amanda said, "I think the day was successful. Students had fun and became more involved as the day progressed by actively participating and asking questions." Others who were involved agreed that the day was a great success and should be continued in the coming years.

From the basement—

I have to begin with a GIANT thank you to all who participated, helped, &/or attended the fall drama production. It was a big success and would not have been possible without so much cooperation and input. I am already looking ahead to the spring production, which will be a drama. Mark your calendars: April 9 & 10 in the little gym!

English III has turned in their rough drafts of the research paper and is ready to make necessary revisions, as well as tackling the citation process. Mr. Miller has offered some extra credit in American History in conjunction with this. They are, hopefully, almost done reading their first novel of the 9 weeks for the required reading program. The 'Brick Wall' project for that is due on December 6. They will have a second novel due on December 21.

English IV finished *Frankenstein*. Chapter quizzes, a cumulative test, and essay questions helped to ensure they understood the novel. Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* is next for this group. The 'Brick Wall' project on the first required reading novel for this class is due December 15.

Vocational English has done a unit on housing paperwork, along with some finance-oriented assignments. They are now reading a novel in class, with chapter outlines & quizzes to assure comprehension. Upon completion, these students will have a project-based final.

English Comp I, the dual-credit class, is wrapping up their research projects. In alignment with Mr. Roche's Government, these students researched Supreme Court cases and possible ramifications depending upon the court's ruling. This has been an in-depth process which some have struggled with; however, each of them has shown an increased knowledge of the writing process and is developing the necessary research skills for college.

Submitted by Ms. JuAire

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENTS

The After Prom Committee has scheduled three dodgeball tournaments coming up in the next three months. The first one will be on December 19 for students in grades 7-12. An information sheet and enrollment form are included in this ECHO. They are also hosting one on January 9 for adults and one on February 20 for students in grades 4-6. Check future ECHOs for information sheets on these last two. You can also check them out on our web page (www.ellsaline.org).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| Dec. 2 4:00 MS BB @ Moundridge | Dec. 13 7:00 BOE Meeting @ Ell-Saline District Office |
| Dec. 2 5:30 WR @ Halstead | Dec. 14 4:30 HS BB @ Canton-Galva |
| Dec. 3 4:30 HS BB Herington @ ES (MS/HS Pep Band/Cardinal Foundation Awards) | Dec. 14 6:30-7:30 Read with Santa |
| Dec. 4 9:30 WR @ Osborne | Dec. 16 4:00 HS Scholar's Bowl @ Bennington |
| Dec. 4 TBA HS KMEA Band & Choir @ Manhattan | Dec. 16 4:00 MS BB Inman @ Ell-Saline |
| Dec. 6 4:00 HS Scholar's Bowl @ Smoky Valley | Dec. 16 5:30 WR @ Minneapolis |
| Dec. 6 5:45 HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney (Pre-Season) @ Russell | Dec. 17 3:00 WR @ Marion |
| Dec. 7 3:15 HS Scholar's Bowl @ Salina South | Dec. 17 4:30 HS BB @ Little River |
| Dec. 7 7:00 ESIC Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary | Dec. 20 4:00 MS BB Sedgwick @ Ell-Saline |
| Dec. 8 7:00 Rachel's Challenge Community Presentation | Dec. 21 8:20 Elementary Christmas Party |
| Dec. 8 6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting at Ell-Saline Middle/High School | Dec. 21 End of Quarter/Semester |
| Dec. 9 4:00 MS BB @ Marion | Dec. 22 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday (flexible) |
| Dec. 10 FFA @ Hutchinson | Dec. 23-31 Winter Break |
| Dec. 10 4:00 HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney (Pre-Season) @ Russell | Dec. 25 Christmas |
| Dec. 11 9:30 WR @ Minneapolis | Dec. 31 New Year's Eve |
| Dec. 11 ACT Test Date | Jan. 1 New Year's Day |
| Dec. 11 HS BB Lincoln/Russell Tourney (Pre-Season) @ Russell | Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service |
| | Jan. 4 Classes Resume |
| | Jan. 4 4:30 HS BB Trinity Catholic @ Ell-Saline |

CHANGE IN ECHO DELIVERY

As a cost savings measure, this year the ECHO will primarily be sent electronically. For this to happen we will need to hear from you as to whether or not you have email/internet capability. Please email Brenda Bockenstette at bbockenstette@ellsaline.org if you have email access. We are going through the Student Enrollment forms and have found many email addresses that we will be sending them to. If you do not have email access then please call her at 225-6813 and let her know. We will then continue to send yours through the mail. **We do need to hear from everyone!** Thank you in advance for your help in conserving our budget.

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