



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

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BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

December 8 Board Meeting Report

Geena Kejr was the only board member absent. Action taken was on a 6-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Mike Boyer updated the board on his clean up efforts of the property the district purchased from him. The board granted him until April 30 to complete the clean up.

REPORTS

BOE – Delbert Armbrust, Marty Kramer and John Schrock shared information from the KASB Convention they attended this past weekend. Jamie Bradley shared activities that the Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence is planning.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: a report of the various activities that took place during the “Hanging of the Greens”; they have a school goal of collecting 200 toys to be given to the Salvation Army; the Bullying Prevention Committee is finalizing the activities for the Olweus Bullying Prevention program kickoff that will take place on January 9 and they are also planning a Parent Event in conjunction with the kickoff event; and she expressed her appreciation of the staff for taking care of things during her absence.

Mr. Alexander – His report included: the first semester is ending soon; PAL’s and FFA are having food and toy drives respectively; preparations continue for the Bullying Prevention program kickoff on January 5; Mr. Wilson’s and Ms. Scuitte’s English classes are collaborating on a creative writing project; a group of Saline County principals and counselors are working to get better options on dual credit classes for our students; and the staff is working on determining at which grade levels it is best for our high school students to take the state assessments.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: results of an IRS Compliance Review; requests of other schools to join the HOA league; progress on the Vincent Walter property (west of the MS/HS campus); state budget difficulties; read two thank you notes; and shared a list of meetings out-of-the-district he will be attending before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

2009-2010 Calendar — The Blue option was approved. This is the calendar favored by the teachers. (The calendar is available on our district web site.)

Approve Vehicle Bids — No action was taken on the bids either for the car or for the 65-passenger school bus. These will both be brought back with additional bids at the January meeting.

Facilities — The official resolution to proceed with the bond election was approved.

Board Policy Updates — These were approved as first read last month.

2007-2008 Communities That Care Survey Results — Results of the survey taken by our 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students last year were presented. They continue to show that the majority of our students feel safe and protected both at school and in the community. The results of the “bullying” questions closely mirrored the results of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program taken by our students earlier this year.

SHESC Interlocal Agreement — The agreement with SHESC for the next 5-years was approved.

There were no Executive Sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Marty Kramer, Vice-President Geena Kejr or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

CPTA MINUTES for Monday, November 17, 2008

Attendance:

Darci Ditto	Mendee Kramer	Darcy Bradley
Michelle Griffin	Angela Hopkins	Cher Richards
Desiree O’Shea	Amber Fouard	Kim Parks
Casey Cox	Dana Edgerton	Carrie Pierce
Lisa Wilvers	Michelle Schrock	JaNae Basinger
Mindy Schneider	Dawn Pierce	

Minutes were reviewed from the October meeting. Michelle Griffin motioned to approve minutes and Dawn Pierce seconded. Motion passed.

Principal’s Report

Darcy Bradley reported for Mrs. Sprinkle. School improvement counsel has recommended that all holiday parties be from 8:20am to 8:50am. They would like any comments and

opinions on this change. This change will begin with the Christmas party. Classroom communications will suggest that snacks be appropriate for the morning. Mrs. Sprinkle wanted to say thank-you to all the volunteers that helped with the Body Venture and all the volunteers who helped with the music program.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$14,751.20

Library Fund Balance: \$3,287.09

Angela Hopkins reported that there has not been a lot of activity this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Halloween Parties

Mendee Kramer reported for Julie Weems that the Halloween parties all went very well. A suggestion was made that parents be reminded to stay in the gym until the parade of students is over. This will help alleviate some of the congestion in the hallways.

Sock Hop Update

Mindy Schneider reported the Sock Hop was a great success. Lots of food donations were given to the Food Bank.

Die-Cut Update

Kim Parks suggested that the grades alternate when they are allowed to pick which die cuts to order. Kim will come up with a rotating schedule that will include office staff, music, CPTA, and others who are not directly in the classroom.

Chili's Night Update

Darcy Bradley reported that \$61.81 was made the night of the Chili's fundraiser.

Marquee Update

Angela Hopkins reported that Jeremy Hopkins did some looking into the permits needed to put the sign up. Jeremy will approach the county about what restrictions we may have and what permits are required. If needed, he will see about getting codes amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Cardinal Foundation

Michelle Griffin informed the group about the Cardinal Foundation. She explained a flyer that will be going home with all students asking for families to donate to the Foundation in honor of friends, family, teachers, etc. Michelle asked for CPTA to match any amount that is donated by families at the elementary school. Kim Parks made a motion that CPTA match any money donated by families for this Christmas fund drive. An amended motion was made by Courtney Clifford to put a cap of \$500 on this motion. Dana Edgerton seconded. Motion passed.

Fundraising Update

Casey Cox informed the group that volunteers will be needed when the candles come in. Flyers will go home for volunteers to sign up to help. Six volunteers will also be needed to help process orders.

Read with Santa

Mindy Schneider reported that notes will be going out to people who volunteered to help. Volunteers are also needed to donate cookies for the night. Milk will be provided by CPTA. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008, from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Pizza Hut Fundraising Night

On December 10, 2008, from 5pm-9pm, at any Pizza Hut location, Ell-Saline Elementary School gets 20% of any sales; a note will go home in student's bags about this.

Pennant Sale

Angela Hopkins reported that she spoke with Mrs. Sprinkle about the sale of the Ell-Saline pennants. Decision was made to leave the cost as is and not raise it. A motion was made by Courtney Clifford that the money could go through CPTA, although no profit will be made by CPTA or the Hopkins family. Seconded by Darci Ditto. Motion passed.

Heartland Shares

There was nothing new to report on this topic. Darcy Bradley reported they could not find any place that does this in Salina anymore. Kim Parks said she would look into this further.

Other New Business

Hanging of the Greens

Amber Fouard informed the group what this was all about. She stated that a date has not been set yet. The purpose of this activity is to encourage the kids to give from their heart by giving non-tangible things. She is working on getting a string quartet to perform. Cookies and milk will be given out. The theme this year is American Hero's.

School Beautification Committee

Kim Parks and Mendee Kramer decided to begin working on this project in January. Marty Kramer will be helping with design/landscaping ideas for the front of the school. Kim Parks is the chairperson of this committee.

There will be no December meeting.

Door Prize

WINNER OF THE \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO ENCHANTED COTTAGE - MINDY SCHNEIDER

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, January 16, 2008 at 6:30.

Submitted by Secretary Mendee Kramer

ELL-SALINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

November 4, 2008

Members present: Dana Sprinkle, Melissa Heinrich, Kim Parks, Amber Fouard, Susan Stateham, Robbyn Anglin, Robyn Parker, Barbara Kern, Stephanie Svaty

Members not present: Janea Basinger, Krista Farrell

Chairperson, Amber Fouard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A discussion was held about the Halloween Parties and parade in regards to time. Parents present mentioned they liked the morning time. It was suggested that all parties (Christmas & Valentine) be schedule in the morning. Dana will discuss the idea at the next staff meeting.

Dana updated progress on the Bullying Prevention program, mentioning that all staff are involved in a small group book study.

The Staff Development Plan for writing was reviewed.

The next meeting of the School Improvement Council will be January 6, 2009, at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Susan Stateham, Secretary

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS



To view a KAKE-TV video of the wind turbine installation, see the following link.
<http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/34120409.html>

Ell-Saline High School reached the next stage of their wind energy project by putting up their wind turbine on Friday, November 9. Our science teachers, Mr. Carazo and Mrs. Nelson applied for a grant that would help finance and allow us to get a turbine. After awhile of waiting we finally got one installed at our school. Waiting worked to our advantage as the company that built it had to put new software in it and make sure it was waterproof. While setting up the turbine, Ell-Saline students got to see first hand, how all this worked. A relay switch needs to be reset and programs will be installed to make the turbine fully functional.

by Austin Whitely

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BODY VENTURE

Learning healthy lifestyles...that's the primary focus of Body Venture, a traveling exhibit that visits elementary schools throughout Kansas. On November 18th, our students at Ell-Saline Elementary School had a firsthand look at how to make healthy choices and remain healthy throughout their lives.

"Body Venture is a wonderful way for students to have fun learning about health, nutrition and physical activity" said Krista Russell, Body Venture School Co-coordinator.

Body Venture, developed by Child Nutrition & Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education, featured an eleven-stop tour of the body from brain to mouth, stomach, small

intestine, heart, lungs, bones, muscles and skin. "What's great is that the kids are actively involved in learning about good nutrition and making healthful lifestyle choices," said Becky Walters, Body Venture School Co-coordinator.

Through the help of parents, school staff, and school board members, Body Venture became possible. A special thank you goes to the High School PALS Program, sponsored by Lori Scuitte. These students were the guides through the Body Venture exhibit and made the program extra special.

Again, thank you to ALL who were involved and helped with this outstanding "Body Venture"!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Dec. 22-Jan. 1 Winter Break
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 New Year's Day
Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday
Jan. 6 4:30 HS BB @ Canton/Galva
Jan. 6 6:00 ESIC Meeting at EII-Saline Elementary
Jan. 7 6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting
Jan. 8 4:00 MS BB Goessel @ EII-Saline
Jan. 9 4:30 HS BB Berean Academy @ EII-Saline
Jan. 10 9:00 MS "C" BB @ SES
Jan. 12 4:00 MS BB @ Bennington
Jan. 12 7:00 BOE Meeting at EII-Saline District Office
Jan. 13 4:30 HS BB Moundridge @ EII-Saline
Jan. 14 3:00 HOA Scholar's Bowl @ Peabody
Jan. 14 FFA @ Abilene
Jan. 15 4:00 MS BB Trinity Catholic @ EII-Saline
Jan. 16 4:30 HS BB @ Sedgwick
Jan. 17 TBA MS "B" BB @ EII-Saline
Jan. 17 TBA HS Fr BB @ Rock Creek
Jan. 19 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service
Jan. 19 TBA HS Boys' BB Canton/Galva Tourney
Jan. 19 6:30 After Prom Meeting at EII-Saline High School
Jan. 20 TBA HS Boys' BB Canton/Galva Tourney
Jan. 22 4:00 MS BB Berean Academy @ EII-Saline—Parent Night
Jan. 22 TBA HS Boys' BB Canton/Galva Tourney
Jan. 23 2:30 Pep Rally at EII-Saline Elementary
Jan. 23 TBA HS Boys' BB Canton/Galva Tourney

Jan. 24 FFA @ Manhattan
Jan. 24 Booster Club Elementary BB Tourney
Jan. 25 Booster Club Elementary BB Tourney
Jan. 26 TBA HS Fr BB @ Marquette
Jan. 26 6:30 CPTA Meeting at EII-Saline Elementary
Jan. 27 TBA HS Girls' BB Tourney @ EII-Saline
Jan. 29 4:00 MS BB @ Little River
Jan. 29 TBA HS Girls' BB Tourney @ EII-Saline
Jan. 29 FFA @ Hays
Jan. 30 TBA HS Girls' BB Tourney @ EII-Saline
Jan. 30 FFA @ Hays
Jan. 31 TBA HS Fr BB @ Marquette
Jan. 31 FFA @ Hays

ELL-SALINE MS/HS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our middle/high school activities provide patrons and friends a chance to volunteer for various positions at our activities. Such positions are ticket takers, chain gang, timers, line judges, clock operators, scorers and any other positions that come available depending on the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Carazo at the district office (225-6813).

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