



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

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BOARD REPORT

October 11 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.

SRO Flesher – His report included: Deputy Scott Trembley is the DARE officer for this year; summer trainings that he attended; smooth beginning of the year; and the Sheriff's Office grant proposal to purchase security cameras for the MS/HS was not approved;

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: staff having completed their IDP goals and are working on student goals in writing; the 4th graders will be taking the NAEP Assessment in January; working to move from a Title I Targeted Assistance program to a schoolwide program; and a list of activities.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: staff having completed writing their goals; Building Leadership Team is looking at potential handbook changes regarding semester finals, grading scales and graduation requirements for next year; beginning MTSS work; and staff evaluations have begun.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: official enrollment of 475 which is 2 students below last year; we will be able to take advantage of the New Facility Weighting this year since we are occupying the new shop addition with weight classes; construction update; read one thank you note; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Board Policy Updates—Since this was the second reading action could be taken and they were approved as presented.

Title I Schoolwide Program—The Ed-Flex Waiver Application was approved which allows us to start the process of moving from a Title I Targeted Assistance program to a Schoolwide program.

Accept Resignation—Danette Newton's resignation as an elementary school cook was accepted.

Approve New Hire—Denise Bock was approved as a cook at the elementary school.

Softball Facility—Approval was given to begin work on a pressbox/concessions/restroom/storage building at the softball field. This will be on a 50/50 match of up to \$9,000 district funds with the balance from outside funding sources. The softball parents have been hosting golf tournaments to help raise money for this project.

KASB Convention Assembly Delegate—It was the consensus that Delbert Armbrust represent USD 307 at the Delegate Assembly.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 8, 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, September 20, 2010

Attendance:

Angela Hopkins	Dianne Schulz
Amber Fouard	Dana Sprinkle
Mindy Schneider	Courtney Clifford-Schneider
Mendee Kramer	Desiree O'Shea
Ben O'Shea	Michelle Griffin
Jennifer Colgrove	Marie Lagerstrom
Anita Bird	Lisa Wilvers
Heidi Green	Dawn Pierce
Andrea Zachary	

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Sprinkle reported that there should be no parking on the North side of Stimmel Rd. There will be additional signage put up. The Sheriff's office is giving some time for everyone to be notified, but soon citations will be issued if people park there.

- She reminded everyone again that parents and relatives are welcome to come eat lunch with students. The office must be notified before 9am.

Mrs. Sprinkle also reported some more information on the new Reading Program that they are starting up. This is a school-wide program and will group students based on skills need. This is a planning year for the program. The school is applying for a waiver since our school-wide poverty level is below 40%. The school is looking for additional ways to improve the reading level. Children will not miss out of regular class time, since they are not individually pulled out of class. There will be a Reading Enhancement one-on-one time.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were reviewed from the August 2010 meeting. Ben O'Shea made a motion to approve these and Mindy Schneider seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$8,382.33

Library Fund Balance: \$2,322.19

Anita Bird reported the Library Fund balance did not yet include the Book Fair money.

OLD BUSINESS

Classroom Volunteer Update

Mendee Kramer reported that only Kindergarten is full on the sign-ups for parties. There is still a need for Classroom Communicators in many grades. Mindy Schneider will put that information in the newsletter. There was a discussion about the games for each party. It was decided that there really isn't enough time to dedicate to having a game/craft during the party. Mendee will take that off the sheet and it will be communicated with the teachers and anyone who has already signed up to do a game.

Book Fair

Amber Fouard reported that the Book Fair did very well. We brought in a little over \$4,000, but our profit will not be known until Scholastic adds up everything and sends us a bill. We did receive \$500 in free books. The fire truck outside was a big hit with the kids. The money raised each year from the book fair goes to help support the Reading Renaissance programs for the school.

Carnival Update

Jennifer Colgrove reported that the Carnival planning is going well. They are still looking for volunteers for the games for the little kids. There are 8 games and most take 1 volunteer, but a couple take 2. She is dividing it into 30 minute shifts. Amber Fouard suggested putting up a sign-up sheet at Parent -Teacher Conferences. We have sold 23 wristbands and the deadline for early sales is September 27. There have been a lot of questions about the Carnival and Amber Fouard suggested adding a feature or article to the school website.

Fundraising Update

Jennifer Colgrove reported that we are going with Celebrating Home (Candles, dips, breads – what we did last year). Items will again be sent to the families for \$.50/order. The dates will run from November 19-29, so that kids can sell over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Box Tops/Soup Labels

Heidi Green reported that our goal is \$582 or 5,820 box tops. This equals about 25 per student. She is planning some school-wide celebration for meeting the goal. There are a lot of products on which Box Tops are located and Amber Fouard is going to put an article in the Echo with a list of products. There was also some discussion about sending home an envelope with each child that can be used for the students/families to collect them.

Die Cuts

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported for Kim Parks that 4th and 5th grade will choose the die cuts this year. She is checking with Jerry Winter on making a new storage cabinet for them and will get a price on that to see if we need to increase the budget so that we can buy both the storage and the die cuts.

Target

Dana Sprinkle gave a check to Anita Bird in the amount of \$132.50 for our Target Rewards. This goes into the Library Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Pictures

Jennifer Colgrove reported that Fall Pictures will be on October 5th. They will be taking individual photos only. She needed one more volunteer and Mendee Kramer volunteered to help.

Sock Hop

Jennifer Colgrove reported that the Sock Hop will be held on November 4th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. She will need volunteers to bring and also to hand out cookies and drinks. We also have a new DARE officer, so she is checking to make sure he is available to DJ.

Red Ribbon Week

Jennifer Colgrove reported that Red Ribbon Week will be held October 25-29. Mrs. Songer is taking care of the planning and rewards.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Tattoos

Courtney Clifford-Schneider asked CPTA if they would sell the After-Prom committee some of the Cardinal tattoos that were made up for last year's Carnival. There are a lot left. They are planning to charge \$1 for face painting or tattoos at the home football games as a fundraiser. CPTA would get a cut of the money as well. Ben O'Shea made a motion to approve letting the After-Prom committee have some tattoos and having CPTA share, and Courtney Clifford-Schneider seconded. After further discussion, it was suggested that CPTA just donate the tattoos and letting the After-Prom Committee take the proceeds. Ben O'Shea moved to amend his motion, and Angela Hopkins seconded.

Restaurant Night

Our first restaurant night is Wednesday the 22nd at Pizza Hut. We will get 20% of sales and people DO have to bring in the flyer. Pizza Hut also will not allow us to stand outside and give flyers out. Freddy's is asking for volunteers to help work our restaurant night and it was decided that yes, we will find volunteers to help.

Mrs. Sprinkle said that yes, we are still having Cardinal Pride Fridays, where students are encouraged to wear their Cardinal colors.

Michelle Griffin won the door prize of a Smores-making Kit.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by
Angela Hopkins, Secretary



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELL-SALINE CARDINAL FOOTBALL

The Ell-Saline Middle School Football team completed an undefeated football season October 14th at Bennington. Coach Miller described this year's team as "well-rounded and very

physical" "with many great leaders on and off the field." Many did not give Ell-Saline a chance in the great Hutchinson Trinity vs. Ell-Saline rivalry this year. However, the Cardinals came out on fire, jumping out in a dominating fashion and then holding off a late Celtic run. After the game coach Miller said "This group of boys defined the word team. Three different players scored in totally different ways to hold off the Celtic rivals". Other victories were over local rival Bennington, defending league champion Sedgwick, and the new to league, Marion Wildcats. Since the mid 80's the middle school has not been undefeated. The last group to go undefeated led their high school to a state title in 1989. Hopefully, this is a sign of great things to come at Ell-Saline. Coach Miller finished the season by talking about this past connection. He said "You guys have proven you have great talent and work ethic. However, it will take an increasing amount of hard work in the weight room the next few years to reach the goal of equaling those 1989 Cardinal State Champions."

The Junior Varsity finished their season with some hard fought victories this year as well. Coach Miller commented "These kids showed a lot of potential for next year. Hopefully, every day tackling against a talented 8th grade class will prepare this year's JV for next football season."

Submitted by Jeremy Miller

From the basement –

The fall production will be at 7:00 pm on November 13th and at 2:00 pm on November 14th in the little gym at Ell-Saline Middle/High School. Admission will be \$5 for an adult and \$3 for students. A *Thurber Carnival* is an episodic comedy, allowing the members of the cast to play multiple roles. The cast for this play is: Jessie Brockway, Staton Diehl, Cain Fouard, Jackson McKain, Ryan Most, Amanda Reed, Faith Rasmussen, Alex Henry, Courtney Reed, Zach Schuman, Chris King, Hunter Lindquist, Chanda Williams, Lara Brockway, Michelle Kejr, Annika Patrick, Helene Kaesemans, and Jamie Henry. The crew includes the cast and Chelsey Ruiz, Levi Holcomb, Brianna Fisher, Rochele Tillett, McKalab Caswell, Austin Whitely, Nathan Fouard, Nick Edgerton, and Kaitlyn Christensen.

We look forward to having everyone come out and support the drama department. If any supporters would like to purchase a department t-shirt, they are \$10.50. Email Ms. JuAire for further information.

The English classes have all been working very hard this quarter. Dual Credit English Comp I students have already completed six essays and read 4 novels. They are gearing up for a research project during the next quarter. English IV has completed their research papers and Macbeth. They will be reading the novels *Frankenstein* and *A Tale of Two Cities* during the 2nd quarter. Vocational English has spent their time dealing with 'real world' assignments, such as a cover letter & resume and how to read & understand a lease agreement. English III was immersed in poetry and even wrote poems to apply all they learned. The juniors will also be doing a research project during the next quarter. They will be doing a compare/contrast using the Vietnam Conflict and a current military action. As part of this project, a Vietnam veteran will be a guest speaker.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov. 1 | All Saints Day | Nov. 16 | MS Winter Sports & Cheerleader Pictures |
| Nov. 2 | Election Day | Nov. 16 | 4:00 MS BB Trinity Catholic @ ES |
| Nov. 3 | MS/HS Fall Picture Retakes | Nov. 18 | 7:00 7-12 Fall Concert |
| Nov. 4 | FFA @ Linn/Rock Hills | Nov. 19 | TBA HS FB Sub-State |
| Nov. 4 | 6:30-8:00 CPTA Sock Hop | Nov. 23 | 5:00 MS BB @ Wilson |
| Nov. 5 | TBA HS FB Regional | Nov. 24 | NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 6 | HS KMEA @ Junction City | Nov. 25 | NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 7-13 | HS Buffer Week | Nov. 25 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Nov. 7 | Daylight Saving Time Ends | Nov. 26 | NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 8 | FFA @ Salina | Nov. 27 | TBA HS FB State |
| Nov. 8 | HS Scholar's Bowl @ Tescott | Nov. 30 | HS Winter Sports & Cheerleader Pictures |
| Nov. 8 | 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office | Nov. 30 | HS Winter Sports Parents Meeting |
| Nov. 9 | 7:00 HOA Instrumental Honors Ell-Saline Hosts at Salina Central | Nov. 30 | 5:00 HS Girls BB Scrimmage |
| Nov. 11 | 7:00 K-3 Music Program | Nov. 30 | 6:00 HS Boys BB Scrimmage |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day | Dec. 2 | 4:00 MS BB @ Moundridge |
| Nov. 12 | TBA HS FB Sectionals | Dec. 2 | 5:30 WR @ Halstead |
| Nov. 13 | 7:00 HS Play | Dec. 3 | 4:30 HS BB Herington @ ES (<i>MS/HS Pep Band/Cardinal Foundation Awards</i>) |
| Nov. 14 | 2:00 HS Play | Dec. 4 | 9:30 WR @ Osborne |
| Nov. 15 | 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary | Dec. 4 | TBA HS KMEA Band & Choir @ Manhattan |

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