

Minutes of Meeting Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School

The Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School held a meeting on **January 13, 2009** located in room 108 at Tucson Country Day School, Tucson, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Bill Iveson

ROLL CALL

The following directors were present at the meeting:

Richard Cooper (Present)
Don Lawhead (Present)
Shawn Edgar (Present)

Cindy Kappler (Present)
Bill Iveson (Present)

Quorum present? Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Don Lawhead and seconded by Shawn Edgar to adopt the minutes from the December 9, 2008 school board meeting as corrected.
Yes (5) No (0) Abstain (0)

DISCUSSION OF SPA UPDATES

Presented by Melody Race, SPA President

- Request permission for a "Scout Day" once a quarter. Board approved.
- Request Girl Scouts able to sell cookies in front of the school after 2/14/09. Board agreed.
- Sign update: City Inspectors to return for approval pending removal of unapproved signs in front of school. Signs have been removed. Still searching for an electrician.
- Have been successful with filling teacher wish lists
- Spell-A-Thon not proceeding due to economic strain on families
- Will continue with plans for SPAGhetti Lunch and Silent Auction in April.
- Working with pre-k to provide shelving for storage unit.

TAX CREDIT UPDATE

Presented by Debbie Ross:

- Tax credit donations increased by \$18,300 over last year.
- (Breakdown attached)

No action was taken

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Presented by Dr. Mark Saliba:

- Began a weekly staff newsletter called "Communique" (example attached)
- Cari Newman, resigned as Counselor. Mr. Jack St. Amand will replace her on a temporary basis until the end of the school year.
- Smarty Party and the 100th day will be celebrated on January 15th.
- Have conducted 1st Staff Development session featuring discussion relating to Dalton Sherman speech, "Do you believe?" The next topic will be writing objectives on 1/23 at 6:50 a.m. SPA will provide playground supervision.
- Mr. Kievit's Science Class presented a Water Conservation Proposal to Dr. Saliba. "Save Our Seats" requests that maintenance use water and buckets instead of a hose to clean picnic tables. "Time-Out" suggests that we replace water facets with timed-faucets. "Cover-up" recommends that we cover our pool to minimize the evaporation of water. All proposals are being considered. "Save Our Seats" has been implemented.
- In an effort to reduce dust problems, decomposed granite will be purchased to replace sand in the area in front of the middle school. A divider will also be placed between the sand in the play area and the granite. SPA wants to help with costs.
- Basketball courts are being widened to provide storage area for portable basketball hoops.
- Recent fundraisers have earned \$415 for the KRQ Holiday Wish program and a total of 4,800 diapers collected for the Southern Arizona Diaper Bank's Diaper Drive. TCDS collected the highest number of diapers of any single site.
- Susie Gallardo is the school purchasing agent. Stacey Love will now be in charge of personnel.

CALL TO PUBLIC

- Parent, Amy Ghemrawi offered that our students take advantage of a program sponsored by her homeowners association in which they received a grant to bus school children to the Old Pueblo Archeology group.
- Parent, Courtney Dodge complimented administration for the new, positive approach to discipline-especially in Middle School
- Flouride follow-up: Cindy Kappler to research
- Water Day-Melody Race and Mr. Kievit to discuss alternative for Middle School students this year.
- Melody Race requested that we find a larger indoor offsite venue for our future winter programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board meeting scheduled for March 10, 2009 has been rescheduled for March 17, 2009.
- Richard Cooper has donated a 9-passenger Suburban to the school.
- Construction on new Exceptional Education Building will begin the 1st week of Summer Break and should be completed by the end of the summer.

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The next regular meeting will be on: February 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Shawn Edgar and Don Lawhead seconded the motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Date: January 15, 2009

Minutes taken by Recording Secretary, Stacey Love