

**Austin Creek Elementary Parent's Club
General Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2009**

Participants

Executive Committee: Lynne Trainor: 1st Vice President
Lorie Banks: 2nd Vice President
Larry Kidneigh: Treasurer
Raylene Leavitt: Secretary

Board of Directors:

Denise Alvear	Nika Bowen
Lorraine Bryars	Cathy deRecat
Mona Dhar	Rhonda Glenn
Kim Herculson	Leigh Hoyt
Ann Hudson	Leticia Sotelo
Jennifer Wong	

General Membership:

Brenda McFarland	Linda Fuss
Josh Weil	Claire Mollard
Cindy Wu	Yvonne Stillman
Megan Sherman	Nicole Lentz
Cathy Jorin	Elizabeth Bruno
Shawna Nielsen	Karen Gould
Sheree Kamler	Stephanie Thibault

Welcome, Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting called to order at 8:55 by Karen Grotte

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Nika Bowen motioned to approve the minutes and Denise Alvear seconded the approval of the minutes

Roll Call of Board of Directors – Raylene Leavitt

Principal's Report – Dr. Leaf

Seven children in the Lego Robotics program came in to thank the ACPC and Dr. Leaf for our support. They won a trophy and shared their creations.

President's Report – Karen Grotte

Vote in new board members for next year will be done at end of meeting

Motion to approve new board by Denise Alvear; seconded by Cathy deRecat and all were in favor.

2009-2010 Executive Committee

President:	Lynne Trainor	lynnetrainor@yahoo.com
1 st Vice President:	Raylene Leavitt	raylene@sonic.net

2 nd Vice President:	Yvonne Stillman	ystillman@gmail.com
Secretary:	Anita Markoff	anitamarkoff@hotmail.com
Treasurer:	Larry Kidneigh	lrkidd@sbcglobal.net

2009-2010 Board Members

1. Elizeth Araujo
2. Nika Bowen
3. Cathy deRecat
4. Rhonda Glenn
5. Karen Grotte
6. Kim Herculson
7. Leigh Hoyt
8. Ann Hudson
9. Nicole Lentz
10. Shawna Nielsen
11. Ann Pride
12. Leticia Sotelo
13. Stephanie Thibault
14. Joshua Weil
15. Jennifer Wong

1st Vice President's Report – Lynne Trainor

Survey review. Last year we only received 21 surveys. This year we received 37.

Results of the survey are as follows:

Enrichment was the same as last year.

Communication seemed to be an issue with a few people. Stephanie Thibault offered to work on the newsletter and make it more detailed to include all dates of upcoming events/happenings. Nicole Lentz offered to be the chair.

Teacher communication came up as a problem for a few people. Others say they have no problems at all.

Goals for next year. Some changes were made to lower the amounts budgeted. Passionate meeting was held to discuss where goals should be. See goals outline for details. Motion to approve goals made by Leticia Sotelo; seconded by Yvonne Stillman. Ann Hudson, Nika Bowen and others are concerned about the amount of the budget considering the economic times. We have this set as our “goals.” If we do not have the money to pay for certain items, we simply can't pay for it. The security cameras would be supplemental to what the district would pay for. Dr. Leaf is still waiting for a bid for our school. If we do not get the cameras, we will roll the money into a “rainy day” fund. Removed the Lincoln donation and changed it to a community outreach to be headed by Jill Shubel, Karen Grotte and Stephanie Thibault.

Fundraisers for next year. Many people want to try the pledge and do away with the entertainment book and Sally Foster fundraiser. Ask for a pledge of \$50-100+ per family. Possibly have levels of donations (bronze, silver, gold, platinum)

Bully issue. 50% of the people said they have experienced it. Mrs. Tucker, school counselor, is willing to come talk at the school. District is to cover the funds. Another expert, Scott Cooper, offered to do an educational seminar for free. This area is something we need to follow up with next year. Dr. Leaf said the kids filled out a survey and there is a low level of concern among the kids with this issue. Parents seem to feel different.

Re-visit the by-laws. Increase the amount of Board of Directors discussed since membership and committees have grown. The purpose of this is to get more participation. Motion to approve change in By-laws by Lorraine Bryars; seconded by Mona Dhar and all were in favor.

*Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers elected by the membership, and **ten (10) to twenty (20) persons** appointed by the Executive Committee. The immediate Past President may serve as a Board member ex officio, if he/she desires. The Board shall serve for a one year term, concurrent with the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). **Each Board member, having been appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) consecutive years. This term limit may be waived by the Executive Committee if the minimum number of persons appointed to the Board has not been met.***

2nd Vice President's Report – Lorie Banks

Committees for next year. The only committee open is for the Auction. We do need an auction team since the team effort worked out so well this year. Yvonne Stillman will be the liaison, but it is her last year at the school. We need new people involved. Cathy Jorin offered to be the venue/menu lead. Sheree Kamler will take the graphic design.

Treasurer's Report and Budget – Larry Kidneigh

Reviewed budget for next year. Explained where we are at and where we will start off next year. Keep in mind we do not spend all the money at the beginning of school. We rely on our fundraisers to get us through. We will adjust as necessary. Remove the gift wrap and entertainment books from budget since we are going with the pledge. The CD was rolled over into our operating expenses. Shawna Nielsen expressed concern with the level we are budgeting and where the economy is headed. Based on what we have made in the past and what we project to make next year, we should make our goals. Motion to approve budget by Denise Alvear; seconded by Cathy deRecat and all were in favor.

Committee Reports

Authors Day – Megan Sherman and Rhonda Glenn

It is today. Thoughts for next year is to possibly not use Copperfield's.

Auction – Yvonne Stillman

Will send out details to people interested in helping out next year.

Family Night – Leigh Hoyt

Baskin Robbins in April was fun. Thank you for going. Village Market BBQ on May14th.

Field Day – Shannon Baker

It is the last week of school. If it rains, no rescheduling. Flyers will go out for helpers.

Fine Arts Day – Karen Gould and Leticia Sotelo

It went really well.

Newsletter – Karen Gould

Deadline for Hoot is one week from today.

Open house social – Cathy Jorin and Ann Pride

Cathy needs a budget for what they did last year. How much was ordered. Freezer in cafeteria is broken. Will need alternative storage.

RVEF Report – Megan Sherman

Auction made \$40K. Goal was \$55K. Low attendance at the auction.

Staff Appreciation Week – Karen Grotte

It is next Wednesday. Salad bar will be provided. If you want to donate, please do.

Wish Upon a Star – Stephanie Shelton

Will do the same next year, but include the office and science room.

New Business

Shall we have pictures in the directory? It would be nice to know what parents belong with each child. It is a privacy issue.

Old Business

Big thank you to Karen Grotte and Lorie Banks for your time and service to the board.

Meeting adjourned – 10:14

Minutes submitted by: Raylene Leavitt