

Edison Booster Club Meeting Minutes
(To be approved at January meeting)

November 9, 2009

Meeting called to order 6pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Christi Kinney, Amy Costanti, Anne Clark, Chris Riggs

PIC in Attendance: Brandi Waldrop

General Members in Attendance: Barb Lester, Janelle Staples, Tyann Schlimmer, Melissa Stahlberg, Heather Thompson, Mary Maskell, Dani Wesen, Karma Larson, Anne Perry, Lacy Edwards, Shelley Lacey, Kerri Fraser.

Staff in Attendance: Jill Bailey 2nd Grade, Heidi Herder 6th Grade, Wendy Scott Instructional Assistant, Anna Ferninand Instructional Assistant, Brenda Naish Principal.

Subject of Special Interest facilitated by Heidi Herder and Jill Bailey:

- Homework struggles in the home:
 - How to find time for reading and other homework?
 - Set a time aside every day to do homework. If nothing is sent home, fill time with reading or worksheets but always keep that block of time open for learning even on weekends to keep the schedule going.
 - Reading time set every night before bed.
 - For younger children, playing school can equal learning time.
 - Have siblings read to each other.
 - Set up reward system for good study skills.
 - How to set a calm atmosphere in the home?
 - Cut extra circular activities
 - Remove distractions like video games, TV and iPods until work is done
- Tracking assignments, grades
 - Stressful for parents to keep track of child's work
 - Let older kids (4th and up) take responsibility by checking their own planner and grades on-line even if they learn the hard way by missing assignments or doing poorly on a test.
 - For those families who do not have a computer at home, the Burlington Public Library allows access to their computers with a pass even if the family does not live within the city limits.
 - I Do, We Do, You Do-parent models desired behavior, parent and child model behavior together; child learns the behavior and does it on their own.
 - Getting help for kids who are falling behind
 - Tutors in the area-a list will be made available
 - No resources available for free tutors
 - *Be proactive instead of reactive*

October 2009 minutes -motion to approve made by Wendi Scott, 2nd by Barb Lester and was approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Chris Riggs:

- Highlights of income and expenses of the past month included grant money for Parent Institute videos received, deposit on carnival inflatables has been paid, and Missoula Children's Theater has been paid.
- A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Tyann Schlimmer, 2nd by Mary Maskell and was approved.

Parent Involvement Coordinator (PIC) Report given by Brandi Waldrop:

- Pumpkin carving had a large turn out; extra tables were set up to accommodate everyone.
- Apparel order forms have been sent home on paper and via email. Catalog pictures of items along with the logos are on the table in front of PIC desk. *Apparel order forms due November 18th. BC will not be keeping many of the garments in stock. Please preorder your items.*
- Missoula Children's Theater performances are on Saturday, November 14th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.
- Student of the Month –still an abundance of cinnamon rolls. Cinnamon rolls will be given to SOM students who did not attend the breakfast. Brenda will deliver the cinnamon rolls when she gives the students their certificates.
- The newsletter has a new format. Comments were made that is easier to read.

Edison Staff Report given by Brenda Naish Principal:

- Conferences are coming up next week.
- Halloween parade was a success.
- *Reminder-Coats are important. Children should be wearing them to school.*

Carnival Update given by Barb Lester and Janelle Staples:

- Advertising letters to be mailed out November 10th, 250 letters are being sent. A computer generated list will be made so that in the future labels can be printed.
- Booth chairperson meeting set for November 17th.
- Inventory of previous carnival novelty items has been gone through and noted.
- Co-Chairs to split up duties, Martha Keith-raffle, Janelle Staples-games, and Barb Lester-food.
- Pair of volunteers needed to help run kitchen.

Next Booster Club meeting is Monday January 11, 2010 6pm in the Edison Library.

- Subject of Special Interest: ASB-Who are they? What do they do? What does the magazine sale support? Presenting will be the ASB officers and Ben Davidson.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm.