

**PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
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**Minutes of March 11, 2010**

President, Julie Kelso called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m., in the Nome Elementary School library. The following individuals were in attendance:

Janet Balice	Barb Nickels
Shari Biscotti	Pat Robinson
Julianne Bourdon	Janeen Sullivan
Julie Kelso	Margaret Thomas
Paula Kennedy	Allison Wrenn

PTSA Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm Thursday 3/ 11/ 2010

**PTSA Budget**

Budget review presented by Julie. Santa Shop and Community Calendar profits were in total about \$1,000 higher than last year. Expenditures were Family fun Night, student of the month, Spelling Bee, SBA test, Open House, DAWN, Insurance, Reading Around the World, Scholarships and Teacher Appreciation. Currently there is another \$1,000 in the budget than anticipated.

**Spelling Bee results**

Tristan Matson represented the junior high this year. Tristan enjoyed his spelling bee experience and Tristan had eight students ahead of him in the state out of 159 entrants. Josh Bourdon represented the elementary school. It was a positive experience for both Nome spellers.

**Safe Route to Schools Grant-**

Paula said she has been working on this grant since the fall in collaboration with Nome Eskimo. They will write the smaller planning grant for this project. The grant will include a position to coordinate this grant. NES will provide parent surveys, photos of the area, bussing and demographics. NEC will administer the grant. The grant is K-8.

**School Site Council**

The first meeting was held recently. Some members were elected by parents and teachers and some were sitting members. Topics included definition, purpose, alternative governance plan. SIP, the Strategic plan. Members will always include an update on Native Alaskan and Title 1 issues. The next meeting will include reviewing the Strategic Plan, social studies curriculum, programs for student alcohol abuse, native programs. Shari said that the social studies curriculums will be piloted next year. Math has been the focus this year. A Title 1 math person has been requested for next year.

### **SBA breakfast**

Site council is working on providing a complete breakfast and snack for SBA testing days. Margaret Thomas researched nutritious menus for breakfast, local prices and supplies. Community groups are being asked to support this effort. Shari reported that the menu will be oatmeal, bagels, cream cheese, fresh fruit, carrots, cheerios, milk. Parents will be informed of the menu and pod parent volunteers will be asked to help serve food. Gum will be available to students taking the test. Shari quoted research that gum chewing helps mental processes. Shari said the total cost for the breakfast will be \$1200. Possible local resources were suggested and PTSA will provide up to \$500 as needed.

### **Reading Around the World-**

Students will be meeting the goal this year.

### **Iditarod Concessions**

Each group gets their own supplies and does set up this year.

### **Family Fun Night**

April 17- Paula needs to know what supplies will be needed to order. The theme is post SBA celebration.

### **SBA preparation**

Parent Info night is March 24 @ 6:30 pm. Attendance is important and will be supported by getting to go in a giant bubble. There will be a pep rally for this event on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00. Shari asks that PTA support this by having PTA members come to these events. Parents will be receiving information on test taking. Shari said students should know that the test is their time to shine.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week-** next meeting agenda

A vote of confidence for SBA activities was given to the principal by Sylvia Matsen,

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.