

S.H.E.A Minutes

March 4, 2010

In attendance: Linda Hansen, Elaine Vallejos, Kim McDade, Stephanie Smith, Marsha Lytle, Holly Brewer, Claudia Wellman, Helen Kloepper, Linda Sullivan, Jackie Fursman, Elizabeth Moore, Sheryl Cleverly, Brianna Edwards, Charlene Novakovich, and Georann Whitman.

Meeting started at 4:04 p.m.

Vallejos moved and McDade seconded to approve minutes from last meeting.

McDade moved and Vallejos seconded to adopt the agenda with flexibility.

REPORTS

Treasurer McDade discussed the options she discovered in regard to having an alternative to the 2-signature check system. After discussion, Kloepper moved and Moore seconded that the issue be tabled until the S.H.E.A. Summer Conclave.

PCES-Reported being busy, busy, busy with many activities going on right now and being planned for the rest of the school year. They had a very nice Read Across America (RAA) week at their school.

E.S.-Reported they are concluding RAA week with the Kindergartners cooking green eggs and ham. During the week they had guest readers, such as the Mayor of Spring Hill, Mark Squire, and our own superintendent, Bart Goering.

I.S.-RAA week was fun. They are now getting ready for State Assessments.

H.S.- Math state assessments finished up this week. The upcoming play, *The Night of January 16* is going to be presented the last week of March. Sports spring activities are beginning. The life skills class has been successfully making Bronco Biscuits for dogs.

We had two Teacher of the Year Nominees in attendance at our meeting:
Georann Whitman and Linda Sullivan.

Charlene Novakovich & Sheryl Cleverly are going to Topeka next week to represent S.H.E.A. during K.N.E.A. lobby days.

Sheryl also reminded everyone of this Saturday's Legislative Breakfast at Hilltop. Other political opportunities coming up are on March 27, and April 24, at the Overland Park Matt Ross Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

All the items distributed by Georann for RAA week were very much appreciated.

Georann shared the S.H.E.A. letter of intent to negotiate that was submitted to the B.O.E. on February 1. She explained the tiers of categories. She also emphasized that this year's negotiations must be successful in getting the Certified Employee Evaluation document as part of the Master Agreement. Lastly, it was just announced that Kansas did not make the cut for Race to the Top monies. She also shared the letter of intent to negotiate from the B.O.E. to S.H.E.A. One of the items, depending on the B.O.E.'s decision regarding a 4-day work week will determine if some of the items are relevant for negotiation discussion.

The website is awesome and compared to our brethren locals, shines like a bright star. Please remember to let Georann know if there is anything you think needs to be added to it.

It was decided to table our efforts to get both S.H.E.A. P.D.C. and J.E.S.D. board representatives on the council this year.

KNEA is going green by making at least 1 of the ISSUES publications an online issue. Therefore, Georann is trying to get member's home e-mails for distribution of these publications.

SAVE THE DATE! It's here, it's here. On Monday, March 29, S.H.E.A. members will be graced with the presence of our KNEA President, Blake West and another speaker who is in the works. This will prove to be the event of the year for S.H.E.A. members. Make sure all your colleagues plan to come. More details will be coming out shortly—but mark Monday, March 29, on your calendar as a day after school that may very well change your life!

ASK ME campaign. Georann is going to send out an e-mail to go with the badges and flyers that were distributed to building reps explaining the Ask Me campaign. We are asking members to wear the badges on their coats or purses when in public. The flyer included has all the talking points necessary. We strongly urge you to read and become familiar with them.

KNEA R.A. Bucket Auction needs donations of games or gift cards. We are asking as many members as possible (everyone is welcome to donate) either a new game or a gift card. Perhaps you even have some gift cards given to you that you may never use—why not re-gift.

2010 KNEA Board Position Candidate positions will be distributed by building reps to members for voting. Ballots are marked with asterisks to highlight those persons whom we know. Ballots must be returned to Janel Carbajo no later than Monday, April 1 (or on that day if you don't remember until that Monday).

School finance legislation initiatives were discussed. S.B. 362 wants to move the date administrators have to let teachers know if they will be non-renewed or terminated from the current May 1 date to June 1 (when teachers would no longer be at school). We oppose this and encourage you to contact your senator. The other initiative is H.B. 699 which states that instead of getting tenure after three (3) years, the tenure time for teachers would be five (5) years. We also oppose this proposition.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.