

Parent Guild Meeting – JANUARY 19, 2010
INFORMAL, DRAFT, QUICKNOTES

Fundraising: Wendy Kaplan , Chair....Our School Store (aka, the old Mercurius/Parent Guild Table) will soon be selling T-Shirts ...Rummage Sale coming in April..Potentially lucrative fundraiser with Chico Outlaws also coming soon.

Out Reach: Parent Council and the School are co-funding several advertisements. We are now in the Enterprise Record regularly, and have ads in Growing Up Chico and North State Parent Magazine where we will be the featured school (front cover) in February (probably...)...also, the Parent Handbook is being updated thanks to Dean Fairbanks, Chair.

Events Coordinator: This is a new role that is seriously coming together. Imagine one person who keeps us all informed of every major event BEFORE it happens! We are going to have a MAIN Calendar, both online and another logical location yet to be precisely determined.

Site Maintenance: SINKS!!!! They are installed. Teachers are so happy. Major thanks to Dean Fairbanks, Michael Durand, and United Plumbing (Michael's brother and someone's very kind wife) for volunteering the labor to install so many sinks. These folks saved us a lot of money! THANK YOU. And thanks to whoever left the sweet handwritten notes.

ALSO, many knome and fairy types fixing leaks and doors and plastering stuff.

Green Committee is back and ready to get recyCling going for each of the classroom plus additional bins around campus. This includes working with our Janitor who spends too much time picking up little bits of trash. PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SCHOOL TIDY AND CLEAN BY PICKING UP TRASH WHEN YOU SEE IT.

History Committee: Please contact Caryl Brown if you have photos of Blue Oak from prior years that you would like to see in a yearbook...That's right, we are working on the first Yearbook for the first graduation class coming up this June.

Parent Volunteer Hours: We are still working on collecting these and finding simpler ways to tabulate them. It's never too late to turn In your hours! Each class has a folder at the back of their teachers inblox/file by the classroom door.

Garden and Grounds: Meets 2nd Wed of every month at 5:30 pm. Grant for Lowes has been submitted! It's raining alot and so we are planning alot.

Charter Council report - Marc Kessler, liaison , reported that the faculty brought issues of serious concern to the last meeting...resulting in a special session (held the day after

the Parent Guild Meeting on Jan 20th) to address how to address the issues of concern. Does that make sense to you? Well, bottom line is, we are a growing school and each of the main bodies – Parent Council, Charter Council, Faculty and Administration – who support the life of the school (ie, the children) need a viable infrastructure in which to support its members. Did that make sense? Hmmm, well stay tuned....no doubt there's more to come.

ASIDE from Stephen, our Director: Have you heard of the nine year change? Usually it applies to children/students...well, our school is also nine years old....and we seem to be going through some changes.

ALSO,from Stephen,....he is planning another Town Hall meeting ...to provide a forum for open communication. February 4th – Thursday – 6pm.

Natalie White, Faculty Representative – Says THANKS A MILLION for the sinks! Teachers love them! Also, thanks for keeping the kitchen clean and supporting your classroom teachers. Our efforts go noticed.

Grants: Amanda Bosschart wrote a Grant for new kitchen equipment....Stephen Montanya wrote grant for the backspace....Tighe O'neil helped write Lowes Grant....Results coming soon. THANK YOU GRANT WRITERS, those mentioned and those behind the scene writers. THANK YOU.

Portia Ceruti led us in review the changes to the pG by laws. Yes, this is actually happening!

Personal addition: Thanks to all who went before this Parent Council to keep the body going year after year, we are now one fairly on the ball group. We have committees, reports, a time keeper; We follow Roberts Rules....we have a treasurer, a secretary, a representative from each class, and awesome attendance....**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS AND SUPPORTS US TO BE HERE.**

AND Much Gratitude for an awesome community of parents, teachers, staff and most of all our STUPENDOUS CHILDREN!