

# ROLLING HILLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD NOTES JANUARY 2009

We always welcome parents to attend the meetings, but realize that it is sometimes hard to do. Hopefully, we will see you at upcoming meetings, but if not you will get an update here. Regularly scheduled Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month. Agendas are posted on the front office window, our website ([www.rhpcs.org](http://www.rhpcs.org)), and the Eagle Public Library.

## **New Board Chairman**

Please welcome our new Chairman of the Board, Rick Hart, by unanimous vote.

## **Principal's Report**

First graders are integrating computer technology with art. They have had a few different projects that they have used the computer lab to learn about different artists. One project they used Microsoft Paint to design a picture then color. They also learned about Vincent Van Gogh's blue period.

Give big congratulations to the fourth graders for having passed 889 Accelerated Reading tests.

In case you didn't know, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> have what they call the Worm Awards. If a student reads 2500 pages, they become Worms. If they read over 7500 pages, they become Mega Worms. Several students are already worms and are working at joining the few Mega Worms.

Thank you to the parents that sent in all the positive feedback about the school. It is always a pleasure to hear about the good things happening and the success stories that you shared.

## **Ski School, Boy's Basketball, and Middle School Sports Program**

The first ski school at Bogus Basin is scheduled for 1/27/09. This is for our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Information will be coming home on how to sign up. Thank you to the Mosers, who have headed up this program for the past few years. We really appreciate it, as do the students!

Boy's Basketball has started and their first game was vs. Compass. Their next game is Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at home vs. North Star at 4:00pm. Here is their schedule for the season:

Jan 22nd vs NS @ home @4:00

Jan 27th vs NS @home @ 4:00

Jan 29th @ Liberty @ 3:30

Feb 5th vs NS @ home @ 4:00

Feb 10th vs Foundations Academy @ home @3:30(tentative time)

The Board unanimously voted to join the Western Idaho Conference – East Division for the 2009/2010 school year. Teams in our conference are Compass Charter, Foundations Academy, Horsebend, Idaho City and Garden Valley.

## **PFA**

PFA has reached 31% of their fundraising goal of \$22000. In case you missed the Pizza Hut fundraising night, there is going to be another restaurant fundraising night at Chuck E. Cheeses in February. Both food and tokens count towards raising money

for RHPCS. There will be more information to come. Family game night is planned for January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9 pm at the school.

Maureen O'Toole has stepped down as Co-President of the PFA due to outside commitments. Susan Thometz has stepped into the position. Thank you Susan!

Thank you to Janet Andrew who has volunteered to chair the spring auction fundraiser. Tentative month is May. She is looking for volunteers to help in different areas.

Bryan Churchill is looking for volunteers to join his corporate fundraising committee. Volunteers should not have a problem presenting to corporations or soliciting funds. He also may have located some basketball hoops for our gym.

### **Finance Committee Report**

The budget remains stable, but we are still in a deficit. The Board is exploring areas to bring in additional funds. There have been several inquiries into the school and there is the possibility of increasing enrollment before the end of the year.

The contract for next year's audit was approved and signed.

### **2009/2010 Proposed School Calendar, Marketing, and School Lottery**

A proposed school calendar was passed out for consideration. It follows the current calendar. Another option was considered. It is the standard Harbor calendar. It was decided to upload the calendar to our website and parent comment is being sought. It was suggested that possibly starting school earlier and ending later would be beneficial to our enrollment at the start of the year.

In planning for the lottery this year, sibling sign up sheets need to be sent to current families and advertising for the lottery is required. The Board feels it is better to run the lottery earlier as this could help with budgeting and other decision making processes. Lottery dates are being looked at. One consideration is to have the lottery in March. The other is for the first weekend in April. State statutes will be examined.

We have been receiving several calls inquiring about enrollment. An open house was scheduled for Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Board members Slaughter and Morris will be heading up the Marketing committee. There are many venues for advertising, and they will be exploring our many options. We are hoping to tie marketing for the school with advertising for next year's lottery. The marketing committee will be working with the Strategic planning committee as they develop a focus for our school.

### **Policy-Patron Complaint Policy**

Chairman Hart will head up a committee to design a better policy for patron inquiries to the Board to be presented at the next Board meeting. Parent and staff surveys will be created to get parent and staff opinions. This is to be worked on ASAP, so that the information received from them is timely and useful.

### **Board Email and Upcoming Meeting**

The Board's email address is [schoolboard@rhpcs.org](mailto:schoolboard@rhpcs.org). The Board will have a meeting open to the public on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.