

## **Island Foundation Board Meeting**

**Date: May 18, 2009**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Seashore Middle Academy – 15437 S.P.I.D. – Cafeteria**

Board Members Attending: Colleen McIntyre, President; Cheryl Standifer, Secretary (arrived at 6:10); Mary Ellen Hanna, Treasurer; Leanne Libby, VP Public Relations; Beth Koutsoumaris, VP Fundraising; Garrett Dorsey, VP Vision and Planning; Kim Grassedonio; SLC Liaison; Sharon Smith, SMA Liaison; Lisl Ames, PEP Liaison; James Chrobocinski, Community Programs Liaison; Gayle Mantello, VP Corporate Fundraising

Others Attending: Maryann Carl, IF Corporate Director; Barbara Beeler, SMA Director; Heather Harkins, PEP Director; Mark Formsma, SLC Director

**Colleen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

### **I. Welcome to Visitors**

Dr. Mary Lou Roper-Haney was in attendance to express her concerns about the SEA Program and curriculum restructuring. She expressed her belief that SLC core structure was a multi-level, mentoring based learning environment designed to meet each individual child's needs and capitalize on each child's talents. By having a multi-level mentoring structure, more advanced students are challenged and struggling students get effective help from their peers. The current SEA-style has labeled and categorized each child. It has segregated advanced from struggling students thus eliminating the unique opportunity for learning that came from these kids all working together.

### **II. Thought for the Day**

### **III. Introduction of Guests**

Maybeth Christensen was in attendance to address item regarding the Island Beautification Trust.

### **IV. Overall Board Agenda**

A. Review and Approval of Minutes (3-30-09). The motion to approve the 3-30-09 minutes with spelling and grammatical corrections passed unanimously.

B. Treasurer's Report. Brenda will run the reconciliation reports for review at the next meeting.

C. Financial and Budget Change Requests (BCR's).

### **V. SLC Agenda**

A. SLC Director's Report. (See Attached Report for details)

- i. Enrollment/Letters of Intent. Mark reported that current enrollment was at 200 and suggested adding a class for Mod III

- ii. Current Curriculum Activities/TAKS Update
  - 1. Waiting for results of our late April TAKS (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades) and Iowa Tests (2<sup>nd</sup> grade).
  - 2. TPRI (state reading testing) is in process for grades K, 1, and 2. IRI (reading inventory) is underway for grades 3 and 4. Results will be shared with parents next week.
- iii. Administrative Update
  - 1. We have received some potential bumps in funding (Special Education: \$4200) and ADA (up to \$30,000, but probably less). The paperwork has been completed, but the NOGAs have not been finalized.
  - 2. Staff have been offered contracts and most have returned executed copies well in advance of the May 29 deadline. Several unsolicited applications for teaching positions have been received.
- iv. Upcoming Events. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will likely be receiving a send-off from as they leave for SMA. The final school project for the end of the year (tentatively) will be freezing home-made ice cream and eating it. Mark is looking for volunteer ice-cream makers (both machines and operators).

B. Financial and BCR's. The motion to approve the BCR to error correct the line item allocation for art fundraising passed unanimously

C. SEA Program (Gifted/Talented Program). There was discussion regarding philosophical differences surrounding the SEA Program. Some members expressed their concern for "labeling" children at such an early age and overtly segregating students based on academic performance. There were members who believed that the needs of all children could be met through a more discreet method of enrichment and methods implemented to acknowledge the unique talents of each child. Other members expressed their support of the program as a way to address the needs of children at each end of the academic spectrum and to narrow the focus of teachers dealing with an already wide range of needs due to combined grade levels. Mark indicated that the program would implement a battery of tests to determine eligibility and enrollment in the SEA Program for those entering the first grade. He indicated that it would not have any impact on those currently enrolled in the program.

The motion to approve the restructuring of the SEA Program passed unanimously.

## VI. SMA Agenda

### A. SMA Director's Report. (See Attached Report for Details)

- i. Enrollment/Letters of Intent. Barbara reported projected enrollment at 142.
- ii. Current Curriculum Activities/TAKS Update. Have not received latest TAKS scores. Administered 2<sup>nd</sup> math test to four 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday. Students have received targeted tutoring.
- iii. Administrative Update
  1. Received certificate of occupancy for the gym! Students played in the gym on Friday.
  2. Science Olympiad finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 30 schools. Almost all were well established Science magnet schools. We did finish above Harmony Academy of Galveston. They beat us in the regional event.
  3. One additional math tournament this week
  4. Algebra and Geometry students will take an end of course exam to assure they receive the appropriate high school credit.
  5. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders have turned in choice sheets for next years electives.
  6. I have hired a long term substitute for Math. The teacher was involved in an auto accident and is having some severe back and neck pains. (His full size pick up sustained \$17,000 in damages)
  7. Students are eating vegetables from their garden
- iv. Upcoming Events
  1. Two students going to State History Fair
  2. Exams last week of school for grades 7 and 8
  3. Fifth grade students are completing their family heritage projects and will have a parent luncheon and "Are you smarter than a fifth grader" contest.

B. Financial and BCR's. The motion to approve the BCR's as presented passed unanimously.

C. Sibling Policy Revision No action.

## VII. PEP Agenda

### A. PEP Director's Report. (See Attached Report for Details)

- i. Enrollment/Letters of Intent. Heather reported there are six (6) vacancies for 3 year olds and three (3) vacancies for 4 year olds.
- ii. Current Curriculum Activities. Assessments are being conducted.
- iii. Administrative Update
  1. One after school staff member resigned and has been replaced

2. PEP Volunteer Day was held on 5/9.
3. Building renovation is proceeding well.
- iv. Upcoming Events. Busy making plans and advertising summer camp program.

B. Personnel – Payroll. Heather presented a performance based method of determining pay increases. The motion to approve the tier chart as presented passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Island Foundation Agenda**

A. IF Director’s Report (See Attached Report for Details)

B. Facility Reviews. Deferred.

C. Staff Surveys. Deferred.

D. Board Member Surveys. Deferred.

E. Director Performance Reviews. Deferred.

F. Check Signers. No action taken.

G. Island Beautification Trust. Maybeth Christianson of the Padre Owners Association presented a request for the Island Foundation to assume management of the Island Beautification Trust in a similar manner to that of the La Posada account.

The motion to assume management of the Island Beautification Trust account passed unanimously.

H. Liaison/SPA Update. No reports given.

I. Fundraising

- i. Love Your Community/“Dollar a Day”. Overall money raised to date \$11,533.
- ii. Buc Fish. The increased number of fishing tournaments in the area has diminished interest in the event resulting in the event being well under budget.
- iii. Brick Fundraiser. Bricks have been installed and distribution of money will be made by the end of May.
- iv. Grant Update. Maryann applied for a grant for the SMA gym in January from the Earl C. Sams Foundation. In March we received our rejection letter. She has applied for second grant this time from the WalMart folks for the floor at the SMA Gym. We will know something by June. A request was submitted to the Futureus Foundation for the floor and a request was submitted to Academy for the basketball hoops.

v. Additional Fundraiser. (School Supply Sale) – SLC has their list and is in the process of getting quotes. We will be gathering info from SMA and PEP and proceeding with the same.

J. Public Relations. Shannon Trial’s PIBA Newsletter info has been awesome.

K. Community Programs. Volunteer day at PEP went well. James reported that they would pursue the potty training program as a community program.

**IX. Announcements:**  
None

**X. Closing Comments:**  
None

**Colleen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.**

**Motions:**

	Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vote
1.	Motion to approve the 3-30-09 minutes with spelling and grammatical corrections	Leanne Libby	Beth Koutsoumbaris	Passed unanimously
2.	Motion to approve the BCR to error correct the line item allocation for art fundraising	James Chrobocinski	Mary Ellen Hanna	Passed unanimously
3.	Motion to approve the restructuring of the SEA Program	Mary Ellen Hanna	Kim Grassedonio	Passed unanimously
4.	Motion to approve the BCR’s as presented	Mary Ellen Hanna	Leanne Libby	Passed unanimously
5.	Motion to approve the tier chart presented as presented	Lils Ames	Beth Koutsoumbaris	Passed unanimously
6.	Motion to assume management of the Island Beautification Trust account	James Chrobocinski	Mary Ellen Hanna	Passed unanimously