



Business Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2013

- I. Call to Order
Nancy Sherburne called the meeting to order at 8:45pm. The following Friends of AB SpEd PAC Board members attended the meeting: Nancy Sherburne, Bill Guthlein and Blossom Davies. Four other Friends members and interested individuals attended the meeting.
- II. Organizational/Business Issues
 - A. Review and approve minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Feb. 13 2013 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
 - B. Treasurer’s Report - Nancy shared the Treasurer’s report. Since the last meeting, an additional \$30 in annual membership dues has come in bringing the current balance to \$4285.98.
 - C. Teacher Award - The group discussed instituting a teacher award for Monty Grob, a regular education teacher at Gates elementary school who is retiring this year. Elizabeth Krol, a parent of a child in Monty’s class, asked that the PAC consider giving Monty an award for the phenomenal parent and student support that he has provided this year. Paul Clough thought the limits for an individual teacher gift was up to \$49.95 but that a gift to a classroom could be up to \$150. Suggestions included: a gift certificate or plaque for the individual; a gift that can remain in the classroom (e.g., a book or other teacher resource). The group also discussed whether an annual teacher award should be instituted and what that process and outcome should look like (e.g., print or email Beacon to present award publicly; solicit recommendations from parents; awards for both regular and special education teachers; whether the award should be annual; the same teacher could not receive the award two consecutive years). A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to establish a teacher award for Monty Grob and to spend up to \$150. The idea for an annual teacher award(s) will be discussed further in a subsequent meeting.
 - D. New fundraising opportunities - Local restaurants will provide a percentage of the sales to local organizations if mentioned on that night (e.g., 15% at Orange Leaf or 20% at Not Your Average Joe’s).
- III. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Blossom Davies, Secretary