

YACA General Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 12, 2008
Yinghua Academy

Ms. Daul called the meeting to order 10:10 am

There were approximately thirty to thirty-five Yinghua Academy parents in attendance.

Ms. Daul began the meeting by making board member introductions to the general membership.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Moeller, Ms. Doubek, Ms. Daul, Ms. Parish, Ms. Trutna, Ms. Volkert

Board Members not present:

Ms. Erickson, Ms. McCormick and Mr. Black

Announcements

Ms. Daul announced that the YACA board has an opening on the board for the Treasurer's position. Anyone interested can take an information sheet or contact Christina Erickson.

Ms. Daul gave an overview on the Great Gatherings Fundraiser and encouraged parents to participate. This event will raise money for the school to help support school programs like the artistic partnerships and other school tours for the kids.

The Direct drive fundraiser will begin in February 2008.

March 6th, 2008 is the next general membership meeting.

The nourishment group which provides food to the staff and is looking to volunteers to help with bringing food to drop off at the school to the teacher during education meetings.

Introductions

Ms. Daul began introductions by stating her name and the grades of her children attending Yinghua Academy.

State of the School – Cindy Moeller

Ms. Moeller began the state of the school by giving some history of the start of Yinghua Academy. Currently there are 150 students enrolled, which it is important to point out that starting the school in fall of 2007 we had less than half of the current student population.

School financials are in great shape thanks to Ms. Lueth and Mr. Parish.

Yinghua Academy website has been redesigned thanks to the committee.

Strategic planning committee is working on 6th grade and beyond and began discussion last fall. Ms. Moeller gave an historical overview of this committee with the information gathered, meetings held, and where we are today in the decisions to support this initiative.

Ms. Moeller shared the process for getting a fully elected board by the end of the third-year, which will be June of 2009. Encouraged anyone who is interested participating in the Yinghua Board elections to attend one of the board meetings. In addition to being a fully elected board by June of 2009, by law the majority of the board is to be made up of teachers unless the board petitions the state of Minnesota for a waiver.

Open enrollment will begin this week supporting sibling preference by law for families who have a child currently attending Yinghua Academy. Current enrolled children do not need to re-enroll. However, the school will be sending home, intent to return to all families to fill out and return for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

Ms. Doubek gave the membership information about the 2007-2008 school yearbook which will be more of a traditional format and affordable for all families to purchase. Anyone interested in volunteering for the yearbook committee can contact Ms. Doubek for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am with the announcement of the speaker, Jodi James, starting at 11:00 am.

Social Break was from 10:45 am until 11:00 am.

Speaker presentation began at 11:00 am