

YACA Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 21st, 2008
Yinghua Academy
FINAL

Ms. Erickson called to order at 6:40 pm

Board Members Present

Janine Trutna, Jennifer Daul, Christina Erickson, Sandy Doubek, Cindy Moeller, Deb Volkert, Jean Parish, Clayton Black, Julie McCormick

Board Members Not Present

Visiting

Jo Schifsky and Sarah Kirkwood

Agenda

Ms. Trutna made a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Ms. Daul seconded the motion

Motion approved unanimously

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Ms. Trutna made a motion to approve the minutes after a couple of corrections.

Ms. Daul seconded the motion

Motion approved unanimously

Standing Reports

Chairs:

Ms. Erickson scheduled a meeting with the Institute of Technology and the Planetarium – ExploriZone, which is a possibility for the 2008 – 2009 Scientific Partnership.

Treasurer's Position – There are a few candidates that are possibilities. The board discussed some options with current candidate list. Ms. Erickson will review the possibilities of having a co-chair for the treasurer's position until a treasurer can be voted in at the next election.

501c3 – Ms. Erickson has done some research and reported to the board some options for consideration as we explore a 501c3 status for YACA. The board discussed the options in addition to some information that Ms. Moeller presented to the board. The board decided to get more information and review in the coming months.

Secretary:

The YACA meeting minutes are posted on Yahoo list serve and Yinghua Academy website.

Treasurer's report:

Ms. Erickson handed out the YACA Budget for the 2007 – 2008 school year, which will be presented at the next general membership meeting.

School board report:

Ms. Moeller gave the board an update on the school lottery in addition to announcing that the board voted for a 3rd kindergarten classes for the 2008 –2009 school year. Ms. Moeller also gave the board an overview on facility modifications for the 2008- 2009 school year.

6th grade and beyond is still in review. The board will have some additional parent meetings and make a decision on March 3, 2008 board meeting.

The board discussed the summer programs information and Ms. Moeller will ask Rebecca to send a notice out to the parents.

Subcommittees:

Sub-committee information will be posted on the Yinghua Academy Website. More information about the YACA subcommittees will be announced at the next general membership meeting.

Fundraising Committee:

Ms. Daul shared with the board that the Direct Drive would meet our goal! We currently have raised over \$9,300 to date with the deadline being Friday February 22nd, 2008.

Education:

Ms. Trutna gave information on the parent resource section in the library, in addition to proposing summer library events, another library day and Amazon.com wish list.

Artistic Partnership:

Ms. Parish gave an update on the witness for the 3rd and 4th grade classes. Music with MacPhail has started and it is going very well.

Great Gathering's:

More Great Gathering opportunities are needed in support of this fundraiser. Ms. Daul will bring up Great Gathering opportunities at the next General Membership meeting.

Ms. Daul shared a Great Gathering idea involving Danling Cai who volunteered to cook at a Yinghua parent's house for a great gathering dinner this spring.

School and Family events:

The committee is reviewing the summer events and options will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Old Business

YACA General Membership Meeting:

We will have childcare at the March 6th, 2008 general membership meeting. Ms. Daul will send out information for the general membership meeting in the newsletter.

Speaker slotted for March 6th is Matt Brandt who will be speaking about Core-Knowledge. Mr. Brandt will have to cut his time short and leave for a flight right at 600 pm. After further discussion the board decided to re-group and look for an alternative speaker on Core Knowledge for this presentation.

The general membership meeting will start at 5:30 pm. Ms. Daul will coordinate the meeting communication and events prior to the March 6th meeting. Light supper will be provided.

YACA Newsletter:

Ms. Daul will be sending out the newsletter this week with more information on the March General Membership meeting, the Direct Drive and upcoming Great Gathering events.

YACA survey –

Ms. Doubek handed out the summary from the YACA survey and the board will review at the next meeting.

YACA Sandwich board –

Ms. Trutna shared with the board that the YACA announcement board will be complete in the next few weeks.

Adjourn

Ms. Erickson adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next Board Meeting date is Thursday March 20, st 6:30 pm