

**YACA General Membership Meeting**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Yinghua Academy**  
***Final***

Ms. Erickson called the YACA General Membership meeting to order at 6:35 pm

There were approximately twenty Yinghua Academy parents in attendance.

**Introductions – Grouped by classroom**

Ms. Erickson began introductions by asking everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to each other by classroom, give the name of your child and your favorite thing about Yinghua Academy

**State of the School – Betsy Lueth**

Ms. Lueth gave an overview of the school, the changes that have occurred at Yinghua since the last YACA meeting in October 2006.

We are meeting our expectations, in educating our children, budget, and donations.

- Budget – we are on budget and will have strong fund account at the end of the year. We received a grant from Best Buy, Target and other corporate donations.
- Curriculum – we have a strong curriculum for a start up immersion school. Ms. Lueth and Ms. Lien attended a national convention in San Francisco a couple of weeks ago and are building an even stronger curriculum next year.
- We are currently interviewing 10 – 15 candidates for 2 positions next year. However Yinghua Academy has not laid out a plan for who the teachers will be in each class next year.
- Longer-term planning question was asked. Ms. Moeller shared with the parents the idea for long term planning and what the board is reviewing for the next couple of years.
- In the 2007 – 2008 school year we will be growing from 88 students to around 144 students. Ms. Lueth asked the YACA parents for ideas on how to keep the Community Feeling that Yinghua Academy currently has as we increase in size over the next few years.
- Ms. Lueth introduced Sandy Luger and gave recognition for her contributions to Yinghua Academy.
- Yinghua Newsletter in the future will have a Curriculum Section that Ms. Lien will be developing.

**State of YACA and Elections**

Ms. Erickson gave the group an overview of the agenda and introduced the current YACA board members.

Ms. Erickson started out by reading the YACA Mission Statement.

**Supporting the mission of Yinghua Academy its students, teachers and staff by providing volunteers, fundraising and assistance in cooperation with the Director and the School Board.**

- We are currently working on drafting YACA bylaws and which will be completed within the next few months.
- Ms Besse gave the YACA financial report including a fundraising summary.
  - Blue Sky raised over \$2,000, which helped to fund the art teacher.
  - Direct Drive 's goal was \$5,000 and to date we have raised over \$5,000 dollars.
- Ms Erickson continued with her report by outlining the number of YACA general membership meetings, which are listed in the bylaws, to be held three times a year. Ms. Erickson asked for information on how we should be drafting the general membership meeting and future YACA sponsored events. Some of the suggestions are:
  - Guest speakers
  - More educational events on immersion.
  - Teacher Forum
  - Back to school forum for parents. Possibly by grade so parents understand what to expect for their children. (i.e. homework, educational advancement, teachers' feedback information, cultural awareness, etc.)
  - Childcare provided for the meetings with a better solution for knowing how many kids will be attending. Plan for the highest number or possibly work out a deal with Larry Yan.
  - Parent's forum by grade.
  - Mentor families for families who are new to Yinghua.
  - Summer activities for Yinghua families.
  - Events for children by grade.
  - Board updates.
- Ms Erickson explained the election process and the positions for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Currently we are looking to add 3 positions to the YACA board for the 2007 – 2008 school year. The positions available are general representative positions on the YACA board. The positions are a two-year commitment. Ms. Erickson encouraged anyone interested to run for one of the board seats for next year.

**Volunteer Events:**

**Spring Carnival:**

Ms. Lueth talked about the plan for the school carnival and asked for volunteers. Ms. Lueth and Ms. Luger will be co-chairing the spring carnival  
Spring Carnival will be held on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8 pm.

Potential Ideas:

- Food Booth
- Face Paining
- Fish Pond

- Cake Walk
- Minnow Races
- Inflatable Bouncy
- Yinghua would also have an event that gives back to the community.
- There would also have a quiet movie room for the kids.

**Recess Lunch Helper Volunteers are needed.**

**Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 am**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm