

Rolling Hills Public Charter School
Board Notes
December 10, 2009

The Rolling Hills Charter School Governing Board believes it is essential for the well-being of the school for all parties to have good communication with each other. Although all agendas and meeting minutes are regularly posted on the school's website, these Board Notes are also being provided. They are written in less formal language than required for the official record of board meetings, and they are for the purpose of providing all RHPCS families with current information regarding the governance of the school.

PFA Report

Kelley Kohler has stepped down from her leadership role in PFA. Everyone on the Board thanks Kelly for her fine work on behalf of RHPCS. Catherine Moore is now President of PFA. Catherine reported that the PFA is working on PFA policies and procedures and will be developing By-Laws. These documents will be presented to the Governing Board upon completion. The PFA conducted a questionnaire to determine if there is interest in sponsoring an on-line action this spring. There appears to be strong support for this activity and several people indicated their willingness to help. PFA will do an additional questionnaire next week in an attempt to reach all RHPCS families. This is an important fund-raiser for the school and it is hoped all our families plus their neighbors and friends will get involved. Watch for the community building activities sponsored by the PFA during the upcoming weeks and months. There are many fun opportunities planned for everyone. It is very exciting to report that the Box Top fund raiser has already exceeded profits from last year. Please do not "let down" and keep the box tops coming. This is an easy way to help the school. Scrip is also doing great. If you haven't purchased Script cards yet, you are urged to do so even if you are anticipating a large purchase such as a new appliance. The school receives a percentage of your purchase when you use a Script card.

The PFA is very pleased to announce they are giving the school \$10,000 to use for the school's operating expenses. This is fantastic and the result of hard work and commitment on the part of our PFA leadership and families.

Due to the deep budget cuts the Governing Board was compelled to make, the school will not be receiving the level of custodial and landscaping services as it has in the past. The PFA will be coordinating parent work parties to help the school with some necessary cleaning and yard maintenance.

School Finances

The budget for RHPCS is balanced!!! The revised, balanced budget was presented to the Idaho Charter School Commission on Dec. 7 and was accepted. Now the school will begin a concerted effort to raise more revenue. The teachers and administrator have taken deep pay cuts, and it is the wish of the Board to raise money so they can give back some of what has been taken.

All families will receive a letter and pledge card explaining how families can get Idaho Tax Credit as well as a regular tax deduction for contributing to RHPCS. If everyone

gave what they could afford, no matter how small or large, it would all add up in the school's budget.

Marketing and Looking Ahead to the Spring

At the January, 2010, Board meeting, a date will be set for the school's lottery sometime in April. It is not too early to be planning how we will all reach out into our community and inform our friends, neighbors and acquaintances about the great Harbor School we have in Rolling Hills. National studies, as well as surveys taken in Idaho, indicate that "word of mouth" is the most powerful recruitment tool for a charter school. The Board will also be doing everything it can to advertize the school and inform the community about its stellar programs. If you have any "inside" information or contacts in billboards, sign making, TV or radio public information, releases, etc. please email the Board. Wouldn't it be great to saturate our community with information about the good work happening at Rolling Hills Public School? The goal next year is to have all our classrooms filled and a healthy wait list.

The Rolling Hills Public Charter School would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season!!!!!!!!!!!!!!