

Board Notes November 12, 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

The PFA has been very busy with fund-raising and is happy to report that the Sally Foster sales made a profit of approximately \$2000. The Scholastic Book Faire raised \$1900 of which 50% goes to the school. As of this meeting, 209 items had been sold in the wreath sale and the PFA is still hoping to sell more. Their goal is 250 items. The projected profit from this activity is \$1250.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, the 13th. It is well-organized and everyone is excited about it. The PFA has some spring activities already in the works such as Dogs with Dads and Muffins with Moms.

NAAS Accreditation

Rolling Hills has withdrawn from membership in the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools since accreditation through this body is only required if the school serves students in grades 9-12.

School Finances

Dr. Montgomery presented a State of the School report to those people in attendance. The focus of this report was the school's finances. After carefully explaining the methods used by the State of Idaho to fund schools, Dr. Montgomery explained why the school currently has a short-fall and some of the ways this gap in revenue and expenditures can be bridged. Several things need to happen to balance the budget including an increase in enrollment, great attendance by the currently enrolled students, and a serious fund-raising drive. All parents can be assured that the budget short-fall is **not** due to mismanagement or frivolous use of the school money- quite the contrary. The school received a stellar audit. Rather the projected enrollment numbers used last spring to staff and budget for this school year did not materialize when school opened. Several fund-raising efforts will commence shortly. Everyone should know that the State of Idaho allows people to take a tax credit on their state income tax for donating to a public school. Also, businesses may take a tax credit. Also being discussed is a pledge drive. More information on these and other opportunities to support Rolling Hills will be forthcoming.

Charter School Commission

The Commission will meet again on December 1, and RHPCS will have to provide a 3 year projected budget plus a plan for a balanced budget for the 2009-2010 school year.

Board Training

In an on-going effort to be well-trained as Board members, some of the RHPCS board will attend another training session provided by the Idaho School Board Association on Wednesday, November 18.