



MINUTES – EBO meeting #5

February 7, 2008, 2pm

Attending: Pam Benos, Carol Catron, Susan Cheatham, Jeanne McLemore, Samantha Marrs, Jean Zimmerman, Kris Branch, Michelle Payne, Debbie Ramos, Kume Goranson

MINUTES: January minutes were approved with minor edits.

BUDGET: Susan stated that the bank account is unchanged from last month, and there is approximately \$2000 in the account.

EBO COORDINATION:

- Samantha reported on the county EBO activities. She represented the REBO at the February 4, 2008 all-EBO meeting with Ed Walent, Director of Student Services and Cathy Glenn, Director of Gifted Education. Main topics discussed at this meeting include: importance of teacher training, administrative support, and teacher coordination amongst the principals. Also the county will be working to deliver similar quality CBG programs across all four schools. On February 7, Mr. Walent and Ms. Glenn met with the four principals, and they are working together to invest in the CBG centers, particularly in identifying and preparing teachers for these programs. Kume Goranson added that the administration is keen to identify excellent teachers for the 7th grade CBG and that they are interviewing now.
- There is no update about a potential 6th grade social. There is an individual at Manchester who might want to lead a committee.
- The all-EBO committee met on January 25, 2008 to discuss a 6th grade parent education night. It may end up that it is easier to circulate this information digitally to all new parents for “Making the Most of your Middle School Years”. Jeanne added that most of this information will be available to all Robious students in preparation for specialty center application time.

CBG NEWS:

- Pam drew everyone’s attention to the new website, and Samantha asked for all news to be sent her way to be added to the website. For instance, evidently one of the CBG children recently won the school spelling bee. Samantha will ask the teachers to send news and to send the Venturer Times for posting.
- February 11 Open House: Pam explained that we need to provide 400 cookies at the open house, and everyone agreed to deliver some cookies to the school. Already several parents have volunteered to bake and bring cookies. Everyone is welcome to attend to represent the EBO and to answer parent questions.

- Service art project: instead of an art project, the EBO may sponsor the beautification project on school grounds. Susan Cheatham will coordinate with the PTA (Kim Benson), and the PTA will allocate some budget toward the activity. She will let everyone know when she needs volunteers. An email will also go to parents who may have expertise.

NEW PROJECTS:

- Samantha passed out information from Manchester's new student CBG orientation that is sponsored by their EBO. She asked for volunteers to work on putting together an event in late August at the school. Pam agreed to check dates with the school. We will need to remember to include the PTA in the planning. At the next meeting, folks should come with ideas to move ahead on this activity. While it should not be too much work, we need to be coordinated early. Kris suggested that Pam send an email to all the parents who indicated they want to volunteer to see if there are others interested in helping with this event.
- Finally, there was discussion about organizing a putt-putt opportunity for new students, such as was organized by the Manchester EBO last year. They raised almost \$300 by holding this event. There was discussion about benefits of have a county-wide putt-putt, versus one for Robious families only. Since five elementary schools feed into the Robious Middle School CBG, it may be prudent to stick with just those 90 students. The other EBOs are keen to get all the children together.

Next meeting March 6th, 2pm.