

The meeting included:

- Recognition and special thanks to Stephanie Robinson, Liz Welsh, and Molly Gamble for their help in organizing the Grand Opening ceremony. We wish to thank all of the students, faculty/staff, parents, and community members who made the event so special.
- Introduction of our temporary part-time business manager, Sandra Peck.
- A discussion of the 2009-2010 unaudited year-end actuals. Donna Van Ness reported an operating surplus of \$37,592 net of Ross Recreation's contribution, instead of the \$162,096 deficit that had been budgeted. This is due in part to deferred expenditures of \$69,000 for textbooks and benefits of \$76,000 that were not used.
- A discussion about implications for the 2010-11 budget. The District expects to complete the textbook purchase in the near future. Sandra Peck discussed the possible allocation of \$65,000 from the federal jobs program. These one-time funds are designated for hiring or rehiring. An updated 2010-11 budget will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- An update and discussion about the facilities project. The Board agreed to reconvene the Design Committee to discuss changing the amount of terra cotta color that is currently planned for some of the gym walls. In addition, the Board discussed the architect's suggestion for increasing the height of the railing on the second floor of the new wing. The railing's height is adequate per building codes, but concerns have been raised that the railing may be unsafe. Air conditioning will be installed in two classrooms on second floor of new wing. The gym completion is estimated for the end of September 2011. Thank you to Jim Walton, Mark Quattrocchi, and their teams for having the K-5 building ready for the school year!
- A discussion about the STAR test results. Ross scores show significant gains in English/language arts and math across most grades, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science, algebra, and history. A number of measures were instituted last year to improve test preparation and the testing environment.
- A discussion about the PEP survey results. Preliminary results were presented; these will be discussed in more detail next month. Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to provide helpful feedback.
- Presentation of the enrollment report. Enrollment has increased to 360 students.

The next School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13th, in the Ross School Library. Closed session starts at 6:30pm; open session starts at 7:30pm. Please join us!

The Ross School Board of Trustees