

AINSWORTH FOUNDATION
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 11, 2008, 11:30 a.m.
Offices of New & Neville,
900 SW 13th Avenue, Suite 210, Portland

Attending:

Board Members: Kimberly Bakken, Christine Carr, Kanth Gopalpur, Heidi Greenwald, Nancy Hinnen, David Kenney, Amy Kohnstamm, Tim Leahy, Edie Millar, Anne Rohosy.

Absent: Jenni O'Brien, Lucy Reynolds, Dara Wilk.

Principal: Liz Casson-Taylor.

Welcome

Tim Leahy welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Since the January minutes were not distributed before the meeting, they will be approved at next month's meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Heidi Greenwald reported that the bill arrived from the Portland Schools Foundation for this academic year: \$266,656 for 3.32 FTE.

Principal's Report

Liz Casson-Taylor told the Board that the staffing allocation will be made on February 27. The kindergarten roundup went well but numbers are not yet clear. Immersion tours, held on Wednesdays, have also begun. Ms. Casson-Taylor also alerted Board members that there will be a change in the kindergarten immersion curriculum next year, with 90% being taught in Spanish (instead of 50%/50%).

Red Ball

There is no conclusion yet on the total amount raised from February 2's Red Ball; Mr. Leahy indicated that he believes the Foundation will net around \$200,000. Steve Pearson is the database manager and puts an immense amount of unsung effort into Red Ball.

The Board spent some time evaluating this year's location at the Tiffany Center versus the prior year's event at the Art Museum. While there were clear savings in the rentals and the catering, there were hidden expenses that were not anticipated at this year's event, such as the A/V cost. Also the acoustics were terrible and the room was a strange shape. Mr. Leahy asked the Board to consider where next year's Red Ball should be held and to get a site and a date, even if that has to come before finding next year's Red Ball chairs. The cost of holding it at the Art Museum in 2007 was \$60,000 and at the Tiffany

Center in 2008 was \$40,000. The attendance in 2007 was around 350; in 2008, around 320. Amy Kohnstamm agreed to check on pricing for other locations; it is possible that the Art Museum may be more willing to negotiate than in past years.

Other Business

Ms. Rohosy reported that there will be a cluster meeting for the Lincoln HS cluster on February 27 from 9:30-11:30. Portland School Board member Bobbie Regan and Portland School Superintendent Carole Smith will be in attendance. Ms. Rohosy and Ms. Kohnstamm will represent Ainsworth at the meeting.

Ms. Rohosy presented a gift to Mr. Leahy in appreciation of his efforts in chairing Red Ball with Jenni O'Brien. Finally, a card and token of appreciation was presented to departing board member Kimberly Bakken in appreciation of her efforts on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Hinnen
Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2006, 11:30 am
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