

1. Call to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:55AM. Minutes were approved. It was noted that Amanda Smith is now Mrs. Amanda Tabb
 - b. The following members attended: Andrea Streicher (Co-Chair), Adriana Lichtenberger (Co-Chair), Theresa Keanini, Craig Wojtowicz, Dawn Rush Dotson, Olivia Lara, Jill Duarte, Leanne Walker, Pat Harrison, Susan Montry, Rene Shaw, Cristi Kuykendall, Amanda Tabb, Michele Stokes, Diane Juneau, Megan Counihan (Assistant Principal), Anne Kurzawski, and Linda Purvis (Principal). Rebecca Berryman, Charlie Foreman, and Duff Young were absent.
2. Standing Reports
 - a. PTA – Theresa Keanini
 - i. A variety of new members have joined the PTA Board. Theresa Keanini is the President, Danica Geeslin is the Vice President of Fundraising, Greg Stokes is the Vice President in charge of Communications and Membership, Jill Duarte is the Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Streicher is the Hospitality Chair and PTA/CAC liaison. Lisa Tressler continues as Treasurer. Greg Stokes is will be working on new web site for school. People with information to add to the school's website will be trained to do so.
 - ii. Evaluating Science Lab has begun and has been assigned a budget of \$2K from the PTA. Many science kits were in the school already and they are being gathered and categorized.
 1. Michele Stokes has been working with UT for a grant. This work resulted in a UT Campus Fellow on site at Baranoff all year. He is biologist and will be working with Baranoff students and teachers to "Trace a Drop of Water from Central Texas to the Coast." One part of the work will be to create a pond for an outdoor classroom. An existing area for a pond and dock for student safety is available onsite. Michele wants to create a dock that stretches into the middle of pond. This will allow students to safely gather water samples from both the banks and middle of the pond. There is an existing but sagging dock that requires improvement. A Girl Scout wishing to earn her Gold Award has expressed interest in this venture and believes it could be completed in about 2 months from approval. The first step would be to add pea gravel around existing deck.
 - iii. New Family Orientation on Thursday, August 20.
 - iv. Teacher Luncheon planned Thursday, August 20.
 - v. School supplies will be handed out Thursday evening.
 - vi. Several fundraisers will begin during the first 9 weeks of school including but not limited to QSP magazine sales and the new Direct Drive of cash donations to the school. The Direct Drive will run concurrently with online only catalog sales.
 - b. Principal
 - i. School and Annex Update

Baranoff was rated an Exemplary Campus. The staff is working to identify successful practices and practices that require tweaking and/or changing. These changes will help Baranoff maintain its Exemplary status next year. Teachers have moved into the Annex and families/students will be able to go into the rooms. Limited work (i.e. landscaping, etc.) is being completed prior to school.
 - ii. Staffing Status

Fully staffed with new teachers joining, new head custodian (Juanita Mills), new cafeteria manager (Norma Bautista), and new Vice Principal (Meagan Counihan).
 - iii. Registration Numbers

Current registration is 829 with 20 per class in K-4 with 27 per class in 5th grade. We will not lose any new teachers due to low student population.
 - iv. Other

Front entryway is being revamped with fish tank and bulletin boards. New bulletin boards have been installed along the hallway. The conference room in the office was freshened with paint and decorating this summer by parent volunteers.

3. Old Business

- a. Distribution of CAC Notebooks - distributed
- b. Notice of CAC Meeting Dates/Times
Generally the CAC meets the first Monday of each month, but conflicts arose for several meetings. 2008-2009 CAC meetings will be as follows:

September 8	February 9 (changed)
October 20 (changed)	March 9 (changed)
November 17 (changed)	April 20 (changed)
December 8	May 18 (changed)
January 12 (changed)	

- c. Online Training for New CAC Members
CAC Orientation training for new CAC members can be found at AISD's CAC Resources page (<http://www.austinisd.org/inside/cac/resources.phtml>). New members should click on the "CAC Orientation" link and complete this short training prior to the September 8 CAC meeting.

4. New Business

- a. CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) Money
The school earned \$200 from leads resulting in 2 successful placements of foreign exchange students. This money is much like money that is earned or donated by Partners in Education. Discussion on how the money could be spent included costs related to the new math curriculum and seed money for the Outdoor Classroom Pond. The CAC approved this money to go toward the Outdoor Classroom project to put down pea gravel on one bank of the pond to improve safety and accessibility.
- b. Determining Campus Guidelines for Religious & Birthday Celebrations
 - i. Birthday Celebrations
Current policy allows cupcakes, etc. after lunch for birthdays, etc. Parent choice allows children not observing birthdays to go to the library, etc. It appears that birthday celebrations have been more extensive than originally intended. May was traditionally the month to celebrate the non-school birthdays (June/July/August) but this hampered teacher instruction during the month of May in classes where there were several summer birthdays. Instead of using May for these birthday celebrations, ½ birthdays will be celebrated allowing for minimization of lost instruction. Teachers will remind parents of both the need for prior communication with the teacher and the limited celebration (i.e. food but not party hats, party favors, or balloons) at Family Orientation (August 21), Meet and Greet Your Teacher (August 22) and through continued communication during the year. These reminders and communications will help prevent parents from arriving at the school unannounced and/or with excessive celebration items.
 - ii. Religious Celebrations
Team leaders have grade level information of religious information that is a required part of TEKS. This allows for teachers to share with parents information that is required to be taught at individual grade levels to improve consistency and answer parent questions. AISD sanctions Winter Celebration (December) and a Valentine's Party. The Valentine's celebration will be grouped with "Love Your Teacher Week" with celebrations occurring on February 12 since February 13 is a teacher work day. Love Your Teacher Week replaces Teacher Appreciation Week at the end of May
- c. Identify Next Meeting's Agenda Items
 - i. All of next meeting will be CIP review. The draft form will be reviewed and approved with/without changes.
 - ii. Please complete new member CAC training by Sept 8 or by the end of September.
 - iii. Meeting adjourned at 12:42PM.
- d. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2008 at 3:00 PM in the library.

Submitted by Leanne Walker