

School District 62 Foundation Minutes
August 15, 2006

The August 15th meeting of the School District 62 Foundation was called to order by Co-President Maxine Hubbard at Grazie! Ristorante and Banquets at 3:35 p.m. Members present: Dave Bills (DB), Kris Dahlstrom (KD), Nick Mitchell (NM), Betty Murphy (BM), Jessica Orstead (JO), Sherrill Snyder (SS), Mindy Ward (MW).

1. **Secretary's Report:** KD moved and BM seconded that the minutes from the June meeting be approved; motion passed. SS received correspondence to file.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** No report.
3. **Chamber Activities:** Those who attended the July 11th Not-for-Profit Event reported that there were mainly other not-for-profit organizations only and that little seemed to be gained from our \$50 participation fee. Some packets were distributed, and there was discussion with representatives from Big Noise Theatre about participating in our major fundraiser. MW has attended free for-profit receptions held monthly and thinks these would provide an effective opportunity to get our name and information out to local businesses and corporations. Touch a Truck, featuring businesses with wheels, is Saturday, September 16th, from 11:00 – 3:00 at The Oaks. This family-friendly event is a good opportunity to put our information and fliers out to the community. MH and MW will attend.
4. **Page-for-a Day:** BM reported that the application process is being finalized in terms of the form and disclaimer and parent responsibility to provide transportation for any participant. Representative Rosemary Mulligan has stated that she is happy to donate the Page-for-a Day opportunity any time.
5. **Grant in Honor of Fiona Calder:** Fiona Calder, retired music teacher, will be honored at the September 18th Board of Education meeting at which a Foundation grant established in her name will be announced. A former student has funded this grant.
6. **February 2, 2007 Benefit:** A.) A change in format for this event was discussed. NM will contact local comedy clubs to determine if a one-hour (or shorter) performance can be arranged for a reasonable fee. Perhaps appetizers and desserts would be served rather than a full dinner.
B.) A silent auction could be combined with the show. District's Lighthouse Theme for 2006-2007 might be incorporated. Unique auction items, birdhouses, sports memorabilia, jewelry, etc., are being considered. BM will check with Kathy McCarthy about each school providing a painted project for auction.
C.) Invitations need to be mailed out early (in with Christmas mail?) with those other than Des Plaines addresses going at full price. Perforated post cards were discussed. "Save the Date" email could be sent to retirees.

7. **Cents for Kids:** JO reported that the forms for the new school year have been sent out and some have been turned back in. No payroll problems were experienced last year. Thank yous to last year's participants have been sent.

8. **Potbelly Back-to-School Events:** MH spoke with the new contact person Colleen and confirmed the following events:

-Family Day: Sunday, October 1

-Staff Appreciation: Cookie Drop at each school early in the school year

9. **Chicago Wolves:** MW will have the event date by our next meeting.

10. **Future Fundraising Plans:** Foundation Sponsorship Letter approved at the last meeting should be ready to go out this fall. KD recommended that we contact other school district foundations to determine whether or not they've utilized foundation consulting services and found them to be of value.

11. **Additional Items:** MW filled us in on some changes going on in the district, including Superintendent Westerhold's excitement about welcoming and working with the new administrators and a rewrite of some of the positions. An opening day picnic is part of the kick-off activities for faculty and staff. The Board of Education will meet only once per month. MW suggested that the Foundation be represented at BOE meetings.

12. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 19; 3:30 p.m.; Grazie!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrill Snyder
Secretary