

South High Foundation
Notes
Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 10, 2007

Directors attending: Dennis Fazio, Elmer Koch, Jim Bloom, Marlys Schluck

Directors absent: Rod Hemstreet, Loyd Schanke, Nancy Rosenow, Brian Thomson, Harold Benson, George Dahl

Members attending: Vonda Gluck, Warren Schluck, Steve Lindquist, Judy Ayers, Carol Colloton, Melvin Haagenson, Gerry Sell

Others: Jane Petrich

Meeting opened by Mr. Fazio at 7:02pm. A quorum of 6 was not present.

Minutes No action able to be taken

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Lindquist reported on the finances. Attached. The Finnberg Fund did well, gaining about \$7,000. The Scholarship Committees will meet next Wednesday.

Grants and Scholarships Committee

Elmer Koch reported for the Committee. There were 4 requests, 3 of which were held from last time. Three required Board approval. The Committee did approve a request from the Counseling Dept. for \$500 for refreshments for the financial aid night. Others being held for the next meeting are:

1. Partnership Program request for \$3,750
2. Project Success request for \$6,400 to cover the fee payment from South and grants to fund students trips for college visits
3. Mr. Doug Bergland's request for \$5,200 a second Economics class in investing.

Jane Petrich reported on the Wallin Scholarship: There is one advisor for every high school in the city, partially paid by the Foundation here and the District. Since 2000, Jane has worked with 297 scholars. This year, South High has received 31 scholarships. The advisors are working more hours and making more college visits. This is the first year the applications were done online. Only 56 applications this year; usually there are about 80 or 90. The program has become more rigorous with higher qualifications required. There are 19 Wallin scholars in the group of 31. There were also 3 Capstone applications approved to assist students with supplemental funds to finish their final year.

The Wallin Scholarship program will no longer participate in a mentor program for legal reasons. The Wallin Office is moving to the Lake Calhoun area. The name will be changed this Summer.

The Wallins have hired a development director who is staging a reception for South at the School Media Center on Wed May 9, 6:30pm social time, 7:00pm - 8:30pm program. Jane could use

assistance with setup and cleanup.

Ads are being placed in several local papers to publicize the scholarships also.

Fundraising Committee

Warren Schluck reported that the Pancake Breakfast is coming up soon and preparations are well under way. Several attractive prizes are available this year. More help and prizes will be appreciated.

Communications Committee

Liaison Subcommittee: At site council, the students are putting together a recycle program. It will cost \$250 startup and \$30/mo for pickup. The National Honor Society will pay and keep the recycle containers clean. The Student Govt has written a constitution to give it a little more substance. The budget will be coming out soon for the April 16 Site Council meeting. Physical Educational requirements were discussed; online classes are permitted. A parent spoke with Sen. Linda Berglin regarding changing the requirements. There is also an issue of locked bathrooms because of gang graffiti. Only one is open per floor.

Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Fazio reported a summary from Loyd Schanke regarding the Athletic Field. Don Swanson and Loyd met with 3 staff from the Building & Grounds department including the director of B&G, and the Chief Engineer who prepared the original cost estimate of \$58,000. Mr. Schanke also met individually with the Director of Purchasing

The Director was cooperative. He agreed that the building would go forward. The Foundation will take over the project in that we would pay the contractor directly, not through the School Board. If the District is not funding any part of the project then the Purchasing Director doesn't have any issues. Just need due diligence from engineering so the buildings are safe. We still will need B&G approval, School board approval.

The actual cost should come in much less cost than \$58,000. Probably \$30K-\$35K. Still need B&G super approval, Schoolboard approval.

Mr. Schanke will talk to the zoning people, Mr. Swanson will talk to the South engineer about power to the buildings. Mr. Schanke and Mr. Swanson will work on getting more specifics on the design.

Computer and Database Update

Mr. Fazio reported that the office computer had been upgraded and installed in the office with the new laser printer. Final touches are being made on the new database application customization and hopefully we will be able to switch to it within the next month.

The Web site template is chosen and ready and is awaiting content.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.