

**Southington Education Foundation  
Board at Large Meeting  
July 13, 2010  
Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:**

S. Russman, B. Lutz, J. Galati, D. Miceli, J. Belanger, M. Sarzen, B. Pestillo, G. Costanzo, D. Pendergrast, K. DiFusco, T. Sheffy, B. Sica, K. Nolan-Maccione, S. Giudice, J Doyle, D. Monti, S. Smayda, R. Veilleux, J. Erardi

Beth called meeting to order at 6:30

Reviewed prior year and successes. Reinforced criticality of BAL. Reviewed thank you notes received by grant recipients. CT Consortium of Education Foundation annual meeting.

**Committee Updates:**

**Grants**

- George to follow up with Round 1 grant recipients
- Beth to sit with George to flesh out grant process including timing of distribution and bring proposal back to the executive board
- George to reach out to Karen Veilleux to gain insight and input into technology dependent grants
- Concerns raised around grants where other organizations are impacted (ex. Library) George to revise process and develop form that requires applicante

**Big Ticket item**

- STEM approach discussed.
- Dave Monti researching and has reached out to Boerihnger Ingelheim to find out about the “science bus” they have put in circulation
- Dave to get Kelley the name of the GE Foundation point of contact
- Potential to explore partnership with the YMCA and Camp Sloper discussed
- Added to list as potentials
  - Idea of revisiting nature center at Plantsville school as potential location was added to list
  - Summer enrichment
  - Digital class room – George to send G. Krarr’s research to Dave
- Dave to get sub-committee started

**Fundraising**

- McDonald’s a success SEF received approx \$500
- Plantsville hat day \$160
- Drive In \$1,300
- Private Donation \$125K for smart boards in every 5th grade class room

### **Fan of the Foundation**

- Need all hands on deck approach?
- Project plan updated – several immediate needs identified
- BAL to come up with ideas for silent and live auctions funnel through Kelley and Beth so we can ensure a point person to contact potential donors vs. multiple donors
- In addition to those already signed up, the BAL meeting resulted in others volunteering to help. Please see attached project plan, with due dates. Thank you to the following who signed up to support Fan of the Foundation activities during the 7-13 mtg:
  - Joe to chair sponsorships
  - Beth to chair activates
  - Bonnie to chair tickets
  - Dawn to handle publicity
  - Kim to handle the set-up once she confirms her vacation schedule
  - Jan Galati – Sherry Russman agreed to chair the inventorying of donations and development of auction sheets
  - Michael Sarzen to secure sports memorabilia items for silent and live auction
  - Sherry Russman to attempt to secure DJ
  - Rick to reach out to Beth and Kelley
  - Michelle Graveline to help tag items
  - Dave Monti to contact Rock Cats to attempt to secure donation
  - Jim Doyle and Jerry Belanger to help with set-up and break down
  - Tony – Chairman’s choice -Kelley will connect directly
- We still need help, please look at project plan or fundraising structure and let Beth or I know where you may be able to support this event. We still need significant help to make this and other events successful.
- Org chart attached several committees’ still need owners – grab a friend and chair

### **Publicity**

- Dawn provided updates on Facebook, grant reception and Website
- Kim DiFusco agreed to chair the grant reception sub-committee of publicity committee

Dates for Fundraising meetings will be distributed as soon as locations are secured.  
Tentative next date is 7-28 6:30-7:30

Next BAL Meeting  
September 14 Location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Nolan-Maccione