

Hope Parent Council
January 30, 2008

Present:

Brent Willsmore, Maria Bruce, Gail Fisher, Lisa Tabor, Michelle Duke, Ruth Appleby, Nikki Tuggy

Not Present:

Margaret Posnett, Moonjung.

Open in Prayer:

Brent opened our time in Prayer.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes.

Minutes were approved.

Representatives to the Board report –

Brent included in his report.

Director's Report –

Brent handed out a director's report (see below)

Sports competitions happening. Other opportunities exist, but lack the coaches.
Looking for a PE coordinator.

2 new staff possibilities, one definite, one strong possibility

Enrollment currently 168. Stepping Stones closed so many applications resulting.
Year 5 class started with Anna, so 3 new students accepted upon opening.

Board Meeting. Long term – Hope looking for new land. Currently have several different land-lords. **Praying for the right person to raise money. Praying they have - Heart for kids, MK kids. Communicates with NGO's and someone who has a business sense. Praying for Hectare of land and grass.**

Accreditation visitation was cancelled. It will be rescheduled.
Supporting documentation of ICE uptake in the USA.

Official launch of the Boarding Home. Commenced with one student. "That is ideal for the beginning, we have more interest for next year".

Extension services & Ratanakiri

Director visited Ratanakiri to see how to best "Serve Cambodia in the right way" according to our Vision Statement. Michelle Cowen will be full time next year and will be a traveling teacher. We are looking at what the best options are. "The legacy of a good Christian school is a great legacy to leave in Cambodia."

Old Business:

Vans - They are picking up students at the south building. Our parking spaces outside the south building are being taken by neighbors. That will be looked into.

Communications: -Web pages being updated and Sophanit is receiving training. . Looks good on the website, when it is up and running well, suggested to include note in the weekly notice to let parents know it can be found on the internet.

Email list has been made for notices and a few notices have already been received including an announcement regarding the seminar led by Paul Dobson

Parent Info Book: - discussed last meeting about being updated. Working towards updating. Still in progress.

Greeting of the new teachers. – have several new and short term teachers and assistants. They all seem to be doing well.

Uniforms. – sending home a survey? Want or no want? Strong feelings? Lisa made an example survey. Suggested to send as email. **Nikki will revise the survey for easier email response by next week. And give it back to Brent.**

School fair/sale – set date

Last week of May **May 30 set to have the School fair/sale.** - People set up there own tables, and give the school 10% of profits. If Parent Council sets up a table they get 90% and give away 10% of profits.

New Business:

elect treasurer – do we need one? Not now.

Samoun now does cashier items in office. Sun Hour keeps track of accounting.

Parental concerns:

Computer usage: innocent search came up with suggestive pictures. Is guidance given to how to search quickly? Brent suggested going to IT specialist for answers to questions about giving kids guidance on efficient web searches.

The computer policy is currently open. Students are not allowed to use unsupervised. Computers face inward for easy monitoring.

Mango tree has two major limbs that have died. We need to remove before they fall.

There is likely to be significant increase in food lunch prices due to overall inflation of foods. A notice will be given if and when this occurs.

If people are interested in using the vans/busses for their kids transportation to and from school, they can be put on waiting list. (speak to David Davis)

Are there going to be any private music lessons with new teachers? Currently we have someone who can teach beginner piano, violin, clarinet, guitar. There was a waiting list for piano, but not for violin and clarinet. **A letter should be going home for the beginning of the semester.**

After school clubs - we need parental support, but in the past, there has been no response. Do we want to send out a survey? It has been sent out several times already. One idea was perhaps each teacher could choose an activity to lead, and they would get the extra pay (\$45 a semester at ICAN). No decisions or actions made.

Other:

Please be thinking of ways we can work to improve the school. What areas need to grow and evolve as the school grows?

The next meeting will be February 27, 2008 2:15.pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Tuggy
Secretary Hope Parent Council

Director's Report – Wednesday, 30 January 2008

1. General

- a. Christmas production a success. Difficulties in gaining permissions.
- b. The school has entered some sporting competitions. Need support to enter into competitions.

2. Staffing – **Personnel committee recommended and approved Kate Donnelly**

- a. Accepted Kate Donnelly. Primary/Music with Interserve NZ. Commences August 08
- b. Ivan Leadley Primary & Special Needs.

3. Enrolment

- a. 168 enrolled in HOPE. Newest student from Brazil.
- b. Many enquires with the closing of Stepping Stones preschool this week
- c. Addition of a year 5 class with Anna.

4. Board Meeting

- a. Belief that HOPE has a long term vision in Cambodia.
- b. Seeking to minimize the risk to the school
- c. Considering all the options to secure staff long term at HOPE 3+ years.
- d. Seeking personnel to act as development officer

5. Accreditation.

- a. Visitation cancelled
- b. Supporting documentation of CIE uptake in the USA

6. Official launch of the Boarding Home

- a. Commenced with one student

7. Extension services & Ratanakiri

- a. Director visited Ratanakiri
 - i. Fits our vision statement.