

SM-MUSD PTA Full Council Meeting

February 20, 2007

Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM by Council President, Laura Rosenbaum, in Board Room, Board of Ed.

Attending: The Attendance Sheet is attached.

President's Report:

- Noted that Black History Month artwork displayed along Brd. Rm wall
- Thanked Rogers and Edison for presenting at the Board meeting, demonstrating an openness to showcase issues at schools.
- Reminded that bylaws, membership, insurance, Workers' Comp. due to the 33rd District.
 - *Nine units received insurance "not in good standing" letters. Grant and SMASH have not paid anything yet. Money goes to Marty Smith ASAP.
 - *Workers' Comp: Franklin, Grant, Lincoln, and Rogers need forms
 - * Membership: some units still outstanding. Give to Marty by week's end.
- Thanked the Charitable Trust numbers in advance.
- Will send out definition of poker used as a fundraiser for the next meeting.

Council Business and Reports:

Historian: Tina Wiatrak reported that the annual Historian's report is due. She needs signatures by March to estimate hours and will then e-mail reports.

Special Education Liaison: Current liaison Leslie Butchko introduced her replacement, Felix Schmittiel. Leslie cited schedule conflicts as the reason for change. Leslie also noted that new Spec. Ed. Director, Ruth Valadez, will speak to the District Advisory Cmte in an open meeting.

Reflections: Miriam Billington and Nancy Gutierrez reported that first place entries go to 33rd, State, then national, however, we did not have any first place entries from SMMUSD. Laura Rosenbaum requested that entries be displayed along Brd. Rm. walls after Black History Month. Miriam asked Council to consider nominations for unit reps for next year. Nancy thanked Linda Gross for finding Reflection judges.

Superintendent's Report: Dianne Talarico reported that after the third-party independent audit review, Anthony Bridges of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) told the Board of Ed. that the District budget is healthy, but that it needs to look both at number of employees and students. Supt. Talarico thanked Paul Silvern (head of Financial Oversight Cmte), Chris Harding, and John Petz for their response to the Brd. re: FCMAT report. On Mar. 1, there will be a transfer of funds back to the appropriate category. On March 15, there will be a review of the records and approval of teacher negotiations. There will be a Meas. BB Workshop on Mar. 10, from 9-12noon @ SAMOHI. The report of findings has been completed by Harvey Ellis Devereaux, which the Brd. has not yet seen. The Ad Hoc Facilities Cmte, 2 staff members, and Mr. Devereaux, will come to the schools with site-specific findings for Phase I. Ms. Talarico requested a rep. from Council PTA and school leadership team to join this group. Recommendations for Phase I of Meas. BB are due in May. There will be a negotiation meeting with the City re: Joint Use Agreement.

- Wants to know what 21st Century/2025 student looks like; focus on tailoring instruction to the child; using differentiated instruction: looking at how we use tools to engage and challenge children; need for teacher force to utilize those tools.
- In response to a question re: the District permit policy, the Supt. said that the Brd. does not want to change the current policy.

Measure BB: Ralph Mechur presented on Meas. BB campaign funds. He said best efforts were made to raise money and some commitments didn't come through, therefore the scale of the campaign changed. He requested additional funding from Council PTA to help with the campaign deficit of \$15,000.

- Going forward with the Parcel Tax campaign which could be moved up to Feb. Resources need to be determined because 1/3 of the money comes from the ed. community (PTA, Teachers' Assoc., etc.), and only 15% of SM voters are parents. Parcel Tax requires 67% to pass. A strong marketing campaign is needed, highlighting the successes of the Sch. District.

Leg. Cmte: Susan Geisberg suggested that units need to allocate significantly more money to the Parcel Tax than Meas. BB. Look at what your school has given over time. Up to 5% of a unit's operating expenses can be used for leg. Heather Anderson suggested that responding to parent concerns (i.e., campus cleanliness) could be a strategy for more leg. support from parents.

- Leg. Cmte will meet at Rebecca Kennerly's to develop an info piece to educate new, incoming PTA presidents and potential leg. reps. There is also a need to educate parents re: funding mechanisms in the Sch. Dist.
- Judith Meister moved for Council to give an additional \$2,500 to the Meas. BB campaign to help close the deficit gap. Maryanne Solomon moved to fund an additional \$2,500 to that amount. Miriam Billington seconded, followed by discussion. Susan Geisberg amended the original motion, by moving that Council PTA give a total of \$5,000 to Meas. BB. Miriam Billington accepted the second amendment. It was unanimously approved.

Summer Adventure Treasurer: Debbie Mulvaney moved for permission to have an additional \$2,000 to advertise SA in Malibu and SM camp newspaper sections, with a second by Heather Anderson. Approval was unanimous.

Auditor: Kim Eyler presented the Audit Reports (Council and SSA) for approval (attached). Laura Rosenthal moved to approve the Audit Reports, with a second by Laurie Yehia. Approval was unanimous.

Education Foundation: Linda Gross-Ed. Foundation raffle Feb. 26-March 23; Arts Festival, April 28-29; Art Auction, May; Jackson Browne, June.

Additional Business: Laura Rosenbaum asked Council what it wants to do re: appropriate size of schools/permit issue. After discussion, it was determined that PTA Council needs more info. Laura Rosenbaum will talk to the Superintendent and Lisa Wisnicki to get more info., and maybe speak at March Council mtg. Information from the Board is available from meetings, TV, online.

- Laura Rosenbaum will e-mail minutes
- Alcopop issue: Susan Geisberg moved that Council approve letter in support of State PTA's position with the Board of Equalization, with a second by Miriam Billington. Approval was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Chris LeGagnoux, Secretary

Approved: