

SM-MUSD PTA Executive Council Meeting

March 6, 2007

Meeting called to order at 11:16AM by Council President, Laura Rosenbaum, Board Room, Board of Education.

Attending: The Attendance Sheet is attached.

Council Business and Reports:

President's Update: Laura Rosenbaum thanked Cheryl Byrne for arranging to have lunch donated by the Spitfire Grill, where school fundraisers can be held, with 20% going to the school.

Education Foundation: Linda Gross introduced her new assistant, Suzanne Kite. It was also noted that Linda Gross has been named 2007 Assembly Woman of the Year. Assemblymember Julia Brownley nominated her.

Parliamentarian: Marty Smith presented the slate for Kathleen Micham (attached). The nominating cmte. included Karen Farrer, Kathleen Micham, Marty Smith, and Dana Weinberg. The slate will be presented at Full Council. Installation will be May 8, 2007. Suggestions for office vacancies were discussed.

School Board Liaison: Kathy Wisnicki wanted ideas for "hot topics" for the Mar. 20, meeting. She reported that Supt. Talarico asked for the Board's perspective to start planning for facilities with re: to the permit policy. Enrollment projections come from 3 sources: 1) District, 2) FCMAT, and 3) School Works. A good way to disseminate enrollment info is through the sites. The District is re-examining the permit policy. In building facilities, also looking at intradistrict transfers which do not involve an increase in permits. Shared use of the current Olympic site was also discussed.

- Sch. Dist. Gets one-time funding from the city for every unit built. The city has an affordable housing project as part of its development policy.
- The Facilities Master Plan would provide opportunity to look at why/what makes some schools not attractive to neighborhood residents. More detailed exit data collection was suggested for those families leaving our schools. Kathy will check Prop. 39 for the possibility of funding data analysis.
- Re: cancellation of Community Workshop: Various Council members stressed the importance of informing the community about the Meas. BB process, and that the facts are offered instead of having rumors circulate. There is a distinction between what size our district should ideally be, and what the permit policy is.
- Saturday Meas. BB Workshop details from Supt's office X241/229.

President's Update (Cont'd): Laura announced that Kathy Wisnicki will be available for our next meeting. Laura stressed that there is a real requirement for the District and Board of Ed. to have information available for public discussion.

- Laura distributed forms from 33rd District (attached). Included was the "Pledge to America's Schoolchildren" developed by the Manhattan Beach Council of PTAs for our support. It was felt that the pledge was too vague for our support at this time and that a dialogue needed to be initiated with Manhattan Beach before signing.
- Council discussed 3 immediate goals: 1) resigning of "Make Calif. Schools Great Again" pledge, 2) a change to 55% for Parcel Tax passage, and 3) increase state funding per child for ed. This info. will be

sent to Barbara Inatusgu to take to 33rd. Lynn Leavitt, Debbie Mulvaney, and Susan Geisberg will meet to coordinate presentation of ideas at Sacramento Safari.

Leg. Cmte.: Rochelle Fanali will follow up on PTA's letter on alcopops issue. The Board of Equalization makes the final decision. The alcopops issue will be further discussed at the next meeting.

CEPS: Debbie Mulvaney reported that CEPS hosted a meeting of newly elected officials from the College, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, and SMMUSD PTA. There will be meetings to discuss the state of our schools (Malibu 5/14, SM 5/21), and CEPS is again asking for Council PTA's support/partnership. CEPS will ask Council to share the funding of \$1,000 (\$500/ea). We will motion to approve \$500 toward the event at our Mar. 20, meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: Nancy Schmidt announced the hiring of Samantha O'Neill for Government Affairs. Jim Lynch is serving as student intern. Job Fair @ SAMOHI will be April 25. Also at SAMO will be 3 job preparatory workshops on resumes, dress, talking, during lunch periods.

Announcements:

- Thur., June 14-Jerry Harris retirement party at the Sheraton Delfino. Discussed possibility of state recommendation from Julia Brownley and Continuing Service Award from Council.
- Maryanne Solomon noted that the "Make Calif. Schools Great..." Pledge is on PTA website.
- Maria Rodriguez has put together Honorary Service Awards for the installation in May.
- Susan Geisberg note that the SM Fire Dept. no longer has a Public Information Officer and therefore don't do outreach to schools any longer. She suggested a letter of support from Council PTA. After discussion, it was determined that Council needs an opportunity to dialog with SMPD before any action is taken. Susan will informally discuss with 2 Brd members.
- Maryanne Solomon reported that Elizabeth Stearns is organizing an event to acknowledge Pam Brady at Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Chris LeGagnoux, Secretary

Approved: