

SM-MUSD PTA Full Council Meeting

March 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM by Council President, Rebecca Kennerly, in the Board Room, Board of Education (BOE).

Attending: The Attendance Sheet is attached.

President's Report:

- Presidents' meeting: In a discussion of what PTA pays for, unit presidents agreed that the District should be responsible for funding emergency preparedness supplies. Rebecca has written a letter to Supt. Talarico on behalf of the PTA/PTSA presidents explaining and outlining three major requests (see letter dated Mar. 5). Briefly, they are 1) develop and implement district-wide emergency preparedness plan made available to every student across the district, 2) develop a list of supplies, and 3) provide those supplies. Discussion followed.
 - Kelly Meyer moved that the PTA Council sign and distribute the attached letter, with a second by Lynn Leavitt. Corrections included: in the next to the last line on page 1, "pan" should be "plan" and on page 2, item 3, next to the last line, "...sites are equipped..." should be "...sites are equally equipped." Unanimously **ADOPTED** as corrected.
- Special BOE meeting on Literacy & Intervention: There is a district-wide, collaborative plan involving the PTA and district to make intervention available to all students. This plan includes development, implementation, and funding.
- There will be a special BOE meeting March 5, and an information workshop on "BB" projects (staffing).

Superintendent's Report: Dianne Talarico reported on enrollment decline, permits, BB, and budget cuts.

- Decision Insight, whose enrollment numbers fall within the margin of error, somewhere between Schoolworks' inflated numbers and FICMAT's conservative figures, did another assessment. Decision Insight's 5-year projection is 10,533 for the year 2012. Need to have a more predictable budget, so enrollment is important.
- Permit changes will allow 200 students/year, with the biggest difference being accepting intra-district permits earlier, therefore, moving up the subsequent acceptance of inter-district permits. The other changed permit item involves Section D (re: students in specialized programs), adding budget and staff availability to the current space requirement.
 - The Malibu moratorium has been lifted, based on grade level, stemming the decrease in enrollment.
 - For 2008, the total # of permits will not exceed 200 across the district, which involves Malibu K-12 and SM K-8. This would represent a change from 22% to 12% in permits.
 - A lengthy discussion followed.
- "BB": Elementary schools are concerned that secondary school projects are being considered first. The Supt. understands this concern and explained that this decision has been based on greater need at the secondary sites. 10M is set aside for technology (incl. fire, safety, communication). Darryl Vidal of Network Solutions conducted a needs survey and wrote a plan outlining what our classrooms should look like in terms of technology, which will be unveiled soon. There are 20M not yet allocated.
- Budget: 2.5M cut remains the same as last reported.
 - 90% of cuts in personnel, including 4 administrators, 20+ teachers. Classified employees will be looked at as well.
 - Proactive explanations of the budget issues important for community.
 - Rebecca reported that at the 33rd District meeting, some districts discussed not only letting teachers/staff go, but also having to close schools. We are fortunate to have local funding sources, which decrease the amount we have to cut. After using our reserve, we have 11M remaining. Our goal is to reduce deficit spending.

- Cyber bullying: If done off-campus, but is impacting school, can counsel students, but cannot tread on 1st Amendment rights.
- Change in the 2008-2009 Calendar: School will start the Tuesday after Labor Day instead of Wednesday.

President's Report (Cont'd):

- Approval of Minutes: Elizabeth Stearns moved to approve the Full Council Minutes of 2/19/08, with a second by Deborah La Gorce Kramer. Unanimously **APPROVED** as presented.
- Presented Clean Living Fine Soaps as possible fundraising option. It was suggested that products used in our schools, including fundraising products, be environmentally friendly.
 - It was suggested that Council bring a recommendation forward to the District re: use of sustainable products.

Council Business:

- **President Emeritus:** Laura Rosenbaum was absent.
- **Financial Reports-Treasurer and Financial Sec.:** Marty Smith reminded treasurers to start thinking about their annual reports.
 - **Summer Adventure Treasurer:** Debbie Mulvane reported that Mandarin language classes would be added to the middle school SA program.
 - Debbie presented the SA Budget (see attached). The structure of the SA principals' contracts has been changed based on meeting their summer school budget (within 10% margin). The SA budget is based on declining enrollment from last year. Middle school intervention programs will be held at each site, instead of one. The PTA and Education Foundation will each get about \$20,000 with \$41,000 projected income.
 - Laurie Yehia moved to approve the SA Budget, with a second by Marty Smith. Unanimously **ADOPTED**.
 - **Auditor:** Judith Meister presented Council PTA and Summer Adventure mid-year Audit Reports for approval (see attached). Marty Smith moved to approve the audits, with a second by Lisa Golden Balfus. Unanimously **ADOPTED**.
- **Parliamentarian:** Karen Farrer reported that March is the Council election for the next term, which begins June 1. Elizabeth Stearns, Nominating Cmte chair, presented the slate (see attached). There were no nominations from the floor. Karen Farrer moved to approve the slate, with a second by Lori Whitesell. Unanimously **ADOPTED**.
- **SEDAC Liaison:** Lee Jones, new liaison for Special Education, reported that Barber and Associates conducted the Spec. Ed. audit. Lou Barber held meetings in SM and Malibu to talk to parents and spec. ed. teachers.
 - Lee Jones announced that SEDAC would hold a 2-evening informational workshop at SAMOHI for students with IEPs who are going on to college. The university system and transitioning will be discussed. She will also send info to the middle schools.
- **First VPs-Communication:** Elizabeth Stearns had no report.
- **Second VPs-Organization/Membership:** Liz Dubelman needs Malibu HS membership list.
- **Third VPs-Health:** Bruce Rudman and Maria Rodriguez were absent.
- **Fourth VPs:** Claudia Bautista-Nicholas and Tina Wiatrak had no report.
- **Fifth VP-Community Concerns:** Heather Anderson had no report.
- **Reflections:** First place Reflection winners will be honored at, and invited to attend the 33rd District Annual Meeting, April 17.
- **Legislation Cmte:** There are seven Council members going to Sacramento Safari.
 - Colleen O'Beirne Brydon requested that everyone send letters putting pressure on the governor to decrease budget cuts, as the budget has not been approved yet.
- **Historian:** Deborah La Gorce Kramer reported that the units reports are due March 15. SAMOHI wins first prize because she has already received its report. Sites should archive important events at their schools.
 - Council needs a display board of our activities for the 33rd District Convention.
- **School Board Liaison:** Kathy Wisnicki asked Council members to attend tomorrow's and next week's Board meetings.

- **Ed. Foundations Liaison:** Linda Gross had no report.
- **COC:** Nancy Schmidt was absent.
- **SMC:** Louise Jaffe was absent.
- **CEPS:** Rochelle Fanali was absent.
- **MLK Liaison:** Barbara Inatsugu reported that the MLK, Jr. Westside Coalition meets monthly.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48PM.

_____, Recording Secretary
Chris LeGagnoux

Approved: