

SM-MUSD PTA Executive Board Council Meeting

April 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by Council President, Rebecca Kennerly, in the Board Room, Board of Education (BOE).

Attending: The Attendance Sheet is attached.

President's Report:

- Flunk the Budget campaign: There is a big state PTA effort to contact legislators re: the proposed budget. Our Council will be involved in a large-scale mass media outreach program. The state has a sample resolution in opposition to the budget.
- PTA State Convention will be May 1-4 in Long Beach. Every unit, especially if there is a new incoming president, should be represented.
- PTA Council appointed positions for 2008-09:
 - School Board Liaison: Oscar de la Torre
 - Leg. Cmte: Current co-chairs Colleen O'Beirne Brydon, Laurie Yehia, and Susan Giesberg will contact Rebecca by week's end.
 - Communication: Richard McKinnon has agreed to continue contingent upon finding a co-chair who has marketing/advertising background. It was suggested that this could be a superintendent-appointed position.
 - CEPS Liaison: Shari Davis
 - Council Translation: Claudia B.-Nicholas will oversee this position
 - SEDAC: TBD
 - Ed Foundation: Linda Gross
 - MLK, Jr. Day: Barbara Inatsugu
 - SMC: Louise Jaffe
 - COC: Nancy Schmidt
 - Reflections: Kathleen Micham
 - Summer Adventure: Debbie Mulvaney
 - Corresponding Sec.: Maryanne Solomon, Chris LeGagnoux
 - Parliamentarian: Karen Farrer
- 33rd District Annual Meeting will be April 17, Carson. First Place Reflection winners will be presented. SMM has two this year. Leadership workshops will be May 14, Culver City. More members are encouraged to attend.
- Special Education Audit report: Rebecca introduced Lee Jones, SEDAC Liaison, who will report on the audit. The report will be presented by auditor, Lou Barber, at the Sch. Brd. mtg., April 3. There is a 78-pg report and 15-pg executive summary. The Superintendent will present a follow-up/course of action at the April 17 Brd. Mtg.
 - Oscar de la Torre, new BOE liaison, reported that the Spec. Ed. audit report, math reform efforts, and technology issues will be included on the April 3, Brd. mtg. agenda.
 - April 12: Joint-Use Agreements meeting between the city and Sch. District.

Council Business and Reports:

- **Financial Reports:** Kim Eyler: unit reports are due April 11.
 - **Summer Adventure:** Debbie Mulvaney reported that she is working on an online application process for Summer Adventure. Applications will be available by week's end on both the Council PTA and Ed. Foundation websites.
 - Mandarin Chinese language will be offered for Middle School SA (incoming 6th-9th), which will run the full 4 hr. day, for the length of SA. Instructors will be from the Mandarin Chinese school and will focus on language as well as culture.
 - SA will be accepting credit card payments this year.
- **President Emeritus:** Laura Rosenbaum was absent.

- **First VPs-Communication:** Maryanne Solomon reported that Karen Farrer, Colleen O’Beirne Brydon, and Rebecca would be attending the State Convention.
 - Richard McKinnon wants to continue the positive communication about our schools by continuing: 1) Public School Week in the first week of Nov., 2) Monthly e-mails and increasing the e-mail list, 3) District Newspaper (Malibu students to write/photograph for next issue), and 4) implement program to enhance SAMO’s image.
 - The Cmte is looking for someone with marketing skills.
- **Parliamentarian:** Karen Farrer was absent.
- **Second VPs-Organization:** Cheryl Byrne reported the HSA Breakfast will be May 6, 9:00A. She will get a guest list from Rebecca, with invitations to follow shortly. Cheryl is also looking into caterers for the event, and asked for any suggestions.
- **Third VPs-Health:** Bruce Rudman and Maria Rodriguez were absent.
- **Fourth VPs-Education:** Claudia Bautista-Nicholas had no report.
- **Fifth VPs-Community Concerns:** Heather Anderson had no report.
- **Legislation Committee-“Flunk the Budget”:** Colleen O’Beirne Brydon reported on the Flunk the Budget campaign (attached), a call to action for PTA leaders (attached), and the “Flunk...” packet put together with the help of Rochelle Fanali, which includes the state’s sample resolution in opposition to the proposed 2008-09 state budget (resolution attached).
 - Susan Giesberg moved that the Executive Council recommend that the Full Council pass the State resolution opposing the proposed 2008-09 budget, and that we, as a Council, make “Flunk the Budget” activities a priority. There was a second by Linda Gross. **ADOPTED.**
- **Minutes:** The January 8, 2008 Exec. Board Meeting minutes were presented. Maryanne Solomon moved to approve, with a second by Marty Smith. **APPROVED** as corrected. The corrections were: 1) “Lisa” Wisnicki should be Kathy, and 2) “Linda” La Gorce Kramer should be Deborah.
- **School Board Liaison:** Oscar de la Torre (see above)
- **CEPS Liaison:** Rochelle Fanali was absent.
- **SEDAC Liaison:** Lee Jones reported that Lou Barber would present findings of his Spec. Ed. Audit at the April 3, Brd. meeting. A copy of the report was made available Monday, to be read on site at the Board. She cited the Brown Act, which requires school districts to make public any report 72 hours prior to a meeting for public comment.
- **Ed. Foundation Liaison:** Linda Gross announced that tickets for the May 3, Jackson Browne fundraiser would go on sale soon. He is working on a surprise guest.
 - Teacher grant applications are available.
- **Arts for All Liaisons:** Linda also reported the Celebration for the Arts will be April 26-27 with a new look/activities by Bag of Vagabonds.
- **MLK Liaison:** Barbara Inatsugu was absent.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** Nancy Schmidt was absent.
- **SMC Liaison:** Louise Jaffe was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

_____, Recording Secretary
Chris LeGagnoux

Approved: