

SM-MUSD PTA Full Council Meeting

May 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by Council President, Rebecca Kennerly, in Malibu City Hall.

Attending: The Attendance Sheet is attached.

President's Report:

- The minutes of 4/15/08 were presented. Louise Jaffe moved to approve with a second by Heather Anderson. **APPROVED** as presented.
- Karen Farrer introduced (and is sponsoring) two high school principals from Shanghai who are participating in the High School Principal Exchange Program. They are currently observing Malibu HS and will be at the SAMO campus from June 2.
 - Rebecca led Council in a few moments of silence for those who have lost their lives in the recent earthquake in China.
- Edison Co-President, Chris Jimenez y West is being honored with the 1st Annual Hope & Unity Award, Sat., June 7.
 - Laura Rosenbaum moved to allocate PTA Council funds (\$250) to put out a communication/place ad re: Chris's award, with a second by Lisa G. Balfus. **ADOPTED**.
- Events at Lincoln: PTSA President Lynn Leavitt summarized the events surrounding the arrest of a long-time Lincoln teacher for allegedly molesting five of his students. She outlined the actions of the district and school administration/staff from the time they were informed of the arrest and what steps have been taken to ensure student safety and well being, as well as information dissemination to the parents. An arraignment has been moved to June, as five more victims have come forward.
 - Counselors speaking several languages and therapist Judy Miller were brought on campus for support.
 - Lincoln has hired Pattie Fitzgerald to present her "Safely Ever After" program on June 17.
 - Lynn was recognized for her outstanding leadership during this period, as was Superintendent Talarico. Lynn also praised the District Administration for its response and ongoing efforts.
 - Supt. Talarico: A more thoughtful and extensive Child Abuse, Neglect Prevention policy is being presented to the principals. She noted that all adults in the district are mandated abuse reporters.
 - Pattie Fitzgerald spoke to the principals.
 - The Supt. sees funding for safety programs at each site to be the district's responsibility.
 - A districtwide doctrine is being put together for ensuring classroom visibility and accessibility which also includes referral sources, special informational programs for students, increased training for immigrant families in conjunction with ELAC, instant daily reporting to the Supt.'s office, and training as part of the "Welcome Back" meeting in the fall for faculty and staff.
 - A lengthy discussion followed. It was suggested that the Supt. publish the positive steps that are being taken by the district regarding the Lincoln situation so the community has access to this information.
- Cheryl Byrne was thanked for putting together the fantastic HSA Breakfast.
- McKinley was well represented at State Convention. Rebecca brought back fundraising ideas and a CD of all training which she will make available on the website.
- Incoming officers should be invited to the June 17, In & Out meeting.
- New Council officers needed for Executive VP and Membership Chair positions.
- Tentative 2008-09 PTA Council Calendar attached.
- Volunteers for the summer emergency cmte will be Debbie Mulvaney, Rebecca Kennerly, Kim Eyler, Lori Whitesell, Deborah La Gorce Kramer, Miriam Billington, Elizabeth Stearns, and Heather Anderson.

Discussion about PTA Council, Spec. Ed. DAC & Board of Education Special Meeting on “Developing a Culture of Collaboration in Special Education and Beyond” by Nancy Vandell and Todd Gary, San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs & USD:

- Rebecca would like our Council to form a similar cmte to San Ramon Valley, developing a mission/outreach programs specific to our district.
- Our district and the original Spec. Ed Audit Selection Cite will be contacting Todd Gary re: his job description as Cmte Liaison in hopes of creating a possible similar position here. San Ramon Valley has offered to mentor us in cmte formation on an ongoing basis.
 - Miriam Billington moved that we make a commitment to form an independent PTA Council Special Education Cmte with a specific mission/framework, with a second by Cheryl Byrne. **ADOPTED.**
 - Discussion: Bylaws should be checked.

Districtwide Literacy & Intervention Programs:

- There was a discussion that the PTA Council should express to the Board the importance of making district funding a top priority for student intervention.

Council Business and Reports:

- **President Emeritus:** Laura Rosenbaum had no report.
- **Financial Reports:** Kim Eyler and Debbie Mulvaney presented the Treas. and Summer Adven. reports (attached). Becky Turk moved to approve, with a second by Miriam Billington. Both reports were **ADOPTED.**
 - Kim reminded Franklin, Webster, Pt. Dume to turn in reports. Any outstanding membership dues are also needed.
 - Summer Adventure is looking for more middle school participants. Applications available online.
- **First VPs:** Richard McKinnon recapped this year’s Communication Cmte accomplishments and future plans: logo, “World Class Public Schools” slogan, Top Ten Lists, Public Sch. Wk, e-mailings, District newspaper, website and blog. He feels we are not near where we need to be and would like the district to be involved in ongoing communication.
 - Elizabeth Stearns moved to 1) develop a comprehensive communication strategy; 2) get a database of parents (esp. for emergencies); and 3) have Unit support with a communications position under the VP, with a second by Debbie Mulvaney. **ADOPTED**
 - Discussion: This will require shift in funding. SMMCTA needs to be part of the process.
- **Legislation Cmte-Rally:** Colleen O’Beirne Brydon, Laurie Yehia and Susan Giesberg reported that five district PTA presidents attended the Rally. The over 1000 letters taken to the Governor’s office made a big impact. Rochelle Fanali reported that there were over 100 people at the Rally, and that the budget is still a proposal. There will still be cuts, but the final budget will not be known until the fall. The recent call-ins were responsible for the May revision.
 - PTA is not taking a position on Props 98 and 99 in upcoming election.
 - Rochelle Fanali moved to have PTA Council participate in a Fourth of July Parade, with a second by Miriam Billington. **ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM.

_____, Recording Secretary
Chris LeGagnoux

Approved