

SM-MUSD PTA Full Council Meeting

April 17, 2007

Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM by Council Executive Vice President, Meighan Maguire, in Board Room, Board of Ed.

Attending: The Attendance Sheet is attached.

President's Report:

Miscellaneous PTA Business:

- Meighan led a moment of silence in honor of the Virginia Tech students.
- She thanked Heather Anderson and Dana Weinberg for lunch.
- State Convention registration/hotel/sessions should be in place. For those not attending, there will be Local Leadership Workshops in May and June (see attached).
- Next year's Sacramento Safari dates are May 11-13, 2008. Go to Mathtrain.com to see Debbie Mulvaney's podcasts from this year's Sac. Safari.
- Meighan read a letter from Rebecca Kennerly who was unable to attend.

Re-approve all minutes and treasurers' reports:

- Laura Rosenthal moved to approve all Council minutes and treasurers' reports to date, with a second by Miriam Billington. All Council minutes and treasurers' reports to date were unanimously approved.
- Laura Rosenthal moved to approve all Executive Council minutes to date, with a second by Lynn Leavitt. All Exec. Council minutes to date were unanimously approved.

Council Business and Reports:

Recording Secretary: Chris LeGagnoux-no report

Parliamentarian: Marty Smith of the nominating cmte presented the Officer's slate for approval. Mario Romero asked that his name be removed. Laura Rosenthal moved to approve, with a second by Judith Meister. The slate was passed with one abstention.

Financial Reports:

- **Summer Adventure Treasurer:** Debbie Mulvaney reported that ads were placed in local camp directories and the registration forms are being distributed to schools. Enroll now.
- **Financial Secretary:** Marty Smith made a call for volunteers for the Festival of the Arts for All on April 28-29.
- **Treasurer:** Judith Meister reported that units do not need to de-incorporate, but do need to keep current with paperwork for the 33rd Dist. Annual unit reports are due.

Superintendent's Report:

- Supt. Dianne Talarico reported that state testing will begin in May.
- Many sites have had their Facilities Master Plan meetings. There will be a Phase I plan by the opening of school in the fall.
- 2025 Publication has been distributed
- Alan November will give a Board presentation on technology at the April 25 meeting. Our goal is to help kids/parents critically analyze info., using teachers as onsite 21st Century tech experts.

- With a grant from the Rotary Club, the District will begin language schoolhouses in K next year (15-20 min, 2X/wk), based on the BBC Curriculum, w/ each schoolhouse determining its own lang. The program is planned for levels K-3.

Board Action Items:

- **City Funding Rebasings:** Louise Jaffe commented on the letter from Laura Rosenbaum to the Mayor/City Council re: contributing and sharing the wealth for schools wh/ is to be used as a guide for writing individual letters.
- **Santa Monica Festival:** Applications were due in March. PTA Council and CEPS man a booth together.

School Board Liaison: Kathy Wisnicki reported the funding meetings with Mayor Richard Bloom, Paul Silvern, the new CFO, and City staff were collaborative. She encouraged positive, visible support for funding at the upcoming City Council meeting. The City Manager is giving the recommendation to vote for the funding. She also reported that Patrick Kennedy of USC is encouraged by the Facilities Master Plan meeting and said our district has an unprecedented bond measure.

Education Foundation Liaison: Linda Gross announced a fundraiser on Saturday, June 2, at Barnum Hall, featuring Jackson Browne, David Crosby, w/ composer David Campbell. Tickets will be available online starting this Sat.

Legislation Committee: Funding support letters are needed for the April 24 meeting. Rochelle Fanali will e-mail a letter-writing guide as well as to whom and where to send.

League of Women Voters Liaison: Barbara Inatsugu was absent

Second VP's-Organization: Cheryl Byrne distributed invitations to Council Installation, Tues., May 8.

Third VP-Health: Lynn Leavitt suggested resources for next year: 1) Learning Differences group at Franklin led by Ann Payson, 2) Of One Mind-a Santa Monica-based group that offers a free series every Wed., and 3) Health and Safety Packet (attached).

Fourth VP-Reflections: Miriam Billington had Reflection entries to return. Our district earned 5 awards out of 35 districts.

COC Liaison: Nancy Schmidt reported on the Job Fair at SAMOHI next Wed., where at least 25 companies will be represented. Business representation is free and still available.

Community Arts for All: Karen Farrer announced the Showcase for the Arts performance at the Music Center on May 2.

Announcements:

- Re: Convention-You must have your PTA Membership card in hand. Please attend 33rd District Reception Suite.
- Patty Fitzgerald shared Franklin and Webster's joint fundraiser for the non-profit Mending Kids International, which provides life-saving medical care all over the world. The fundraiser will be Sat., 5:00 at the Malibu Inn, for kids and adults, with teen guest, Jesse McCartney.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.

Chris LeGagnoux, Secretary

Approved: