

Nimitz School PTA Meeting Minutes of 9/19/05

Attendees: Peggy Ngai, Tracy Burriss, Dale Jones, James Liu, Lenora Louie, Marcus Louie, Jill Nakamura, Fiona Sadowski, Susannah Vaughan, Monica Yeung, Shauna Ruden, Peggy Korn, Rick Bustinza, Terri Dorsey, Van W, Bill Welch, Kenny and Linda Lam, Ann Newman, Ronet Buller, Andu Tefera.

Susannah Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. The minutes were reviewed. Tracy moved to accept the minutes, Jill seconded and the motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report –

Direct Donation – The goal is \$25,000. Currently, 54 families have donated over \$8,000 and pledged over \$3,000. Another form will go out in next week's blue folders.

Budget – Need to add Scholastic Book Fair to Fundraising. We need to pay the district 75% of the art and technology positions by the end of October. Note that last year, half of the amount that the 4th graders raised from their Innisbrook sales will supplement their Science Camp for this year. The district will not be giving any money for science camps. There are certain line items that need to be looked at more closely. The budget will be reviewed by a sub-committee and proposed for approval at the next meeting.

3. Committee Reports

a. Events

The Oktoberfest/Jubilee is September 24th and 25th at the Civic Center Plaza near the Cupertino library. We have all of the equipment for the booth. On Sunday, Mr. Horn and kinders will do the chicken dance and Mr. Freed will be at the dunk tank.

The walkathon is October 28th - More info to come.

Spiritwear – A different design is chosen every year. Lenora will discuss details with Dale and Jill.

Movie Night – Planned for November to be discussed at the next meeting.

b. eScrip – Of the 144 members, 14 are new. Another follow-up flyer will go out in the blue folders. Peggy will start calling parents to encourage them to sign up. Grandparents, future parents, other relatives could also sign up.

c. Running Club – Going great with 600 miles logged in 2 weeks. So far, there are many parents helping at lunchtime. Tracy ordered more ribbons. A challenge is being offered by Dale: If the students and staff reach 10,000 miles by the end of the school year, then he will have

Mr. Horn cut his hair.

d. Membership – Fiona will ask the teachers to join the PTA for \$10.00 of which \$3.75 goes to the Council, District and National PTA.

e. Scholastic – Peggy will be going to a Scholastic Book Faire in Palo Alto or Santa Clara to get more info from the representative.

f. Volunteers for Teachers – Tracy has consolidated all of the volunteer info by categories.

g. Web Communication – Marcus has been updating the PTA website. To encourage parents to visit the site, a suggestion was to award a Dolphin pencil to the students if their parents visit the site.

h. Teachers – The Reflections entries are due mid-October. Shauna will distribute entry forms to the teachers. The theme is “I wonder why...” The teachers loved the luncheon and express their appreciation.

4. President’s Report

6th District News – May be getting refugees from Hurricane Katrina in our district. The PTA Council will let us know how we can help donate items. Since we are a nonprofit organization, we can donate to another nonprofit organization.

The State PTA would like schools to join the “No on 76” campaign. This proposition will be on the November ballot and will cut funding to education, which directly affects children.

The Santa Clara Office of Education is running a Fitness for Learning initiative to address childhood obesity. A teacher and parent from each school are needed to implement 1-4 goals. One of Nimitz’s goals is to walk/run 10,000 miles by the end of the school year. Susannah will forward info to Tracy. A \$400 stipend is available for a teacher if they help. The International Walk to School Day is October 5th.

CEEF News – The Arts and Technology Festival is March 25th. There will be a Segway demonstration, Google and Yahoo contest, and other activities. Also cash awards to teacher and student teams for best use of technology in the curriculum. The golf tournament is May 25th next year. The 6 million dollar campaign has been completed.

Red Ribbon Week (drug awareness program) is October 23-28th. The PTA provides a small gift for each student. We already have these.

5. Principal’s Report

Mr. Rhee and Mr. Jones will have an info night on STAR test scores and our API, which had increased by 12 points. It will run for one hour in the GLC at 7:00 p.m. They will discuss how to read your own child’s score.

Mr. Freed is interested in starting foreign language clubs. Please contact him if you’d like to help. There may be a multi-cultural fair in the spring.

The coin drive for Hurricane Katrina victims continues with many students emptying their piggy banks into the 5-gallon jug. It is about half full. The 5th graders made \$123 from selling lollipops, which will be added to the total.

The SSC may create a 5-year plan to give more vision to the school. Any parent involvement is welcome. See Dale if you're interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 20th at 7:00 p.m. in a classroom to be announced
Minutes submitted by Jill Nakamura