

Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes of 11/17/05

Attendees: Tracy Burriss, Dale Jones, David Korn, James Liu, Lenora Louie, Jill Nakamura, Ann Newman, Danny Ngai, Shauna Ruden, Fiona Sadowski, Susannah Vaughan

Susannah Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. The minutes were reviewed and approved via email.
2. Treasurer's Report – Changes were made and entered in bold type. "Pledges" under General Revenue has been removed. Donations and membership have increased, received funds from eScrip, and \$100 of matching funds. General Revenue does not include donations received (about \$2,600) from the 3rd Direct Donation mailing and \$530 through PayPal.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Events – So far, the walkathon has collected about \$2,800. The Turkey Trot (kinders) will take place tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Spiritwear sales totalled \$3,841 (the PTA receives 20%) and the PTA received \$413 from the Oktoberfest. Movie Night during the holiday season was discussed. It could be a kid's night out where a childcare fee was charged per child and members of the PTA would provide supervision. If parents attended there would be no fee. It should be at least 2 hours. Due to the volume of activity including report cards distributed the first week of December and the Winter Sing, we will consider a movie night of this nature next year. Further discussion at the next meeting.
 - b. Escrip – There are 171 supporters. Received \$103.40 for August and results for September are not yet available.
 - c. Running club – Walkers and runners have completed over 3,000 miles which includes the walkathon.
 - d. Membership – There are 77 members total with 16 teachers signed up so far.
 - e. Scholastic – Peggy attended the Scholastic Open House. She will begin recruiting volunteers in December or January for our book fair. It will be set up to run in the same manner as previous years and will begin on Monday April 3 and end on the Thursday April 6, Open House.
 - f. Volunteers for Teachers – Copy requests are increasing. Eight teachers are using the service and about eight volunteers are completing the requests. The turnaround is 1-2 days. Shauna will email a reminder to the teachers that the service is available. Copies of the request form will be distributed to the teachers.
 - g. Web communication – Marcus regularly updates the web site. The dolphin has been reformatted and a directory for PTA minutes has been created by James.
 - h. Teachers appreciate the copy service. The students are excited about entering next year's Reflections contest.
4. President's Report
Reflections – The contest went well with 26 entries. A power point presentation of all of the entries was shown at an all-school assembly. The four categories are art, literature, photography and music for two divisions; primary (K-2nd) and intermediate

(3^d-5th) students. Participants received certificates, ribbons, brushes/pens, a musical score book, diaries for the third, second and first prizes and Artopia donated a project for the first prize too. Fifteen entries have gone on to the next level and will be displayed in the district office.

District Leadership Meeting – All school PTA/PTO Presidents and school foundations are invited to attend 3-4 meetings per year at the district office conducted by Dr. Bragg. He discussed district priorities including the new strategic plan. The district will be spending \$300,000 for alternative assessment tools at MacAuliffe. The goal is to create a district-wide writing assessment. Doreen Baldwin is a representative on the committee to develop prompts and rubrics for 2nd through 5th grades.

CUSD Student Nutrition Services supports wellness plans for the schools. The new nutrition pyramid can be viewed by visiting www.mypyramid.gov. It provides a food guide based upon age and weight and also promotes exercise.

5. Principal's Report

The student council has been running their own meetings. They have decided to participate in the Adopt-A-Tent fundraiser to help the earthquake victims of South Asia.

The Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2006. We can anticipate more participation this year. Screening will be more strict than last year.

James and Dora Liu created spectacular lunches for the staff on Learning Day and Linda Carney's last day.

6. Other business

We discussed having a 'Helping Hands' coordinator who would serve as the point of contact for supporting members of the Nimitz community in times of need. This coordinator would be responsible for disbursing information, asking parents to; donate funds, help prepare/purchase food, help with cleaning or running errands, coordinate volunteers for special events/circumstances.

After School Classes - There are several after school programs; Kid Zone, Fun on the Run, Euphrat Art (upper grades), Science Adventures starting next year, language classes (upper grades only). If the PTA sponsor's a class, would parents be interested in having their students take the class? James will create a survey for after school enrichment classes.

Field Trip Funds – Last year, the 4th and 5th graders raised \$1,200 for Science Camp from gift wrap sales to offset the cost. Fiona suggested that the See's Candy fundraiser we have had in the spring in previous years could be given to the 4th graders to help them offset the cost of their science trip when they enter 5th grade. The PTA could support the students so they won't feel overwhelmed by the volume of orders for distribution. Field trips cannot be funded by Title One. The SSC voted to give funds to the teachers for supplies and field trips so the PTA wouldn't need to contribute this school year. To be reviewed later in the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in board room.

Minutes submitted by Jill Nakamura