

Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes of 4/27/06

Attendees: Tracy Burriss, Dale Jones, James Liu, Lenora Louie, Fiona MacKellar, Jill Nakamura, Ann Newman, Peggy Ngai-Bradley, Shauna Ruden, Susannah Vaughan

Susannah Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Tracy made a motion to approve the 3/16/06 meeting minutes, James seconded and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer's report
 - A 10,000 donation was designated for after school activities, therefore, it is listed separately in the budget. This will allow expanding the after school offerings available at no cost.
 - A \$2,500 donation designated \$1,000 to the Cultural Fair.
 - Direct Donation has raised \$18766.39 to date. There are still some matching funds outstanding.
 - The book fair line item was increased to \$1,402.30 to cover the cost of donations to classrooms and library.
 - Spiritwear total revenue for year is \$638.00
 - Tracy gave the quote for 2 bulletin boards at \$641.38 that includes shipping.
 - See's raised \$1,518.85 to fund 2006/7 5th grade science camp.
 - Susannah worked on Council to receive a donation of \$390 to offset the costs for the running club.
 - To date the balance is \$10,585.60
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Events:

See's Candy sale – most revenue raised by classes where the students talked to other students.

Spring Dance – 20 people have signed up to attend so far. James will be setting up food next to the GLC under the overhang. Families will eat before the dance from 5:30. The budget is \$500 which includes \$425 for the band.

Carnival – So far there are 12 cultural booths. Activities include a traditional costume walk, Israeli folk dancers, a piñata, and passports for kids to have stamped as they visit the booths. Each booth has a \$25 budget supplied by PTA. There are 10 carnival booths in which 7 are classroom booths. The money raised by these booths will go the classroom that raised it. Tickets will be available for games and food. Prize tickets will be given to be redeemed for prizes. Extra flyers are available in the office to distribute.
 - b. eScrip – Of the 190 supporters, 165 are active participants. We received \$220.06 for January. Peggy has been continuing the calling campaign for the last few weeks. A few more have signed up, however, it is sometimes difficult to contact parents if they don't include their phone number or email address. Phone numbers are optional due to privacy issues. It was proposed to set up an eScrip table the day before school starts when there are many parents at the school. Ice cream could be distributed as an incentive.
 - c. Scholastic Book Fair – Total sales +\$10929.26 (up 46% from last year) Total revenue to

school = The Instructional Resource Catalog Profit Option gives the school a voucher for ordering books and materials from scholastic in the amount of \$6057.79 + \$95.62 voucher used to purchase additional books from the teacher wish lists + Scholastic Customer Reward of \$435. Feedback: teachers received more for their wish lists this year, teachers were disappointed that classes could not purchase throughout the day and this may have contributed to thefts. There was some discussion of allowing parents who are unable to come into school during the week to contribute to Teacher's wish lists by being able to purchase on line if the wish lists were advertised through the website.

- d. Teacher Appreciation –Breakfast is scheduled for Monday and lunch on Friday. The 5th grade parents will donate food. There will be a 'common lunch period' for Friday and volunteers to help man the playground are needed for Monday recess and Friday lunch.
- e. Volunteer Appreciation – Shauna showed the invitations. Last year about 250 invitations were distributed and 130-140 people attended.

4. Principal's Report

- Last night was Science Night which was very successful. There were many great activities and it was very well attended. Tomorrow is the Student Idol all-school assembly at 10:00 a.m. in which 20 different singing acts that will perform. There will be no judging.
- The school marquee will need to be replaced since a neighbor's car rolled into it and bent the frame. Water from the rain will leak inside the marquee.
- At last Tuesday's staff meeting, it was suggested to have parent volunteers in the library to supervise students at lunch for next year. Also, 2 adult volunteers are needed in the parking lot at drop off in the morning to direct traffic.
- James submitted a grant to Starbucks to help pay for after-school programs. We will be notified in July. Also, Proposition 49 has provided funding for after school programs. We are working with DeVargas School in attending county and state meetings to gain access to those funds.
- The school board approved the full day, 20-1 Kindergarten pilot program at Nimitz. DeVargas is the other school in the district that has already implemented the program. Planning has begun with the teachers and a parent meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday (May 3rd) evening. We will hire at least 1 new teacher, possibly 2, and 2 new modulars will be set up by rooms 18, 19, 20. We will receive start up classroom funds from the district.

President's Report

- Thank yous from the students for the Jump House and from a teacher for the Book fair were circulated.
- The PTA newsletter, The Admiral, looks great thanks to Julie and Peggy.
- Office Depot, in coordination with National PTA, is offering copy and printing discounts-see Susannah for a card.
- Ann calculated 5,802 volunteer hours for this school year. Unit report to be submitted to council.
- The National PTA offers funding through an outreach program for translating documents into different languages. Dale to follow up on behalf of the Diversity Committee.
- The election for board nominations will take place during May.

5. Other Business:

Suggestion to combine walkathon with spiritwear sales.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Minutes submitted by Jill Nakamura