

Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes for 9/18/06

Attendees:

Nathalie Landesman called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. President's Welcome

- Nathalie welcomed the attendees of the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.
- Susannah amended the minutes for section that stated that the remainder of the Scholastic voucher will be managed by Dale for the teachers and the library.
- Tracy made a motion to approve the 8/16/06 meeting minutes as modified by Susannah and James seconded the motion.

2. Principal's report (Dale)

- **Scholastic voucher funds** - Next meeting we will get a summary from the librarian, Sherri Gallatin about which books have been purchased with the Scholastic voucher fund.
- **After school activities** – Next week, the after school programs will be starting. Art, cooking, music, and technology classes have been made available by the PTA at no expense to the students. ACE program will be available for Title 1 students focused on improving specific academic skills (ie. reading, computation, etc.) There will also be classes made available through the City of Sunnyvale and the City of Cupertino.
- **P-T cooperation** – We will have 2.5 teachers attending every PTA monthly meeting. 2 teachers will be attending on a rotating basis.
- **Diversity Committee** – This year a new set of activities is being planned. A large Thanksgiving feast in early November is being organized for the school. If you are interested in joining the Diversity Committee, contact Dale.

3. President's report (Nathalie)

- **Events follow-up** – very successful so far.
 - a) ELD night – Parent volunteers who helped with explanations in other languages.
 - b) Kindergarten welcome
 - c) Family Picnic – Galit will update us later in the meeting.
- **Back to school night** – is coming up Thursday, September 21st.
- **Goals** – Attendees should provide Nathalie with a brief description of what they want to see accomplished by the PTA during this year.

4. Committee Reports

- **Treasurer (Fiona)** – Fiona distributed an updated copy of the 2006/2007 budget and the annual financial report. Fiona explained the line items for the budget and the report. A motion was made to accept the budget by Susannah - Peggy K. seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
- **Family Picnic (Galit)** – Galit provided feedback on the success of the event and 3 modifications to this event from last year's event.
 - a) A dance teacher was used instead of band
 - b) Concessions with cooked food - \$700 income from James and Dora's organization of the food cooking and sales.
 - c) New ELD Family Adoption – attempt to pair new ELD families with families already at Nimitz. The "New ELD Family Adoption" was successful in the Israeli community, but no "adopting" families were found for families with other cultures/languages (10 families out of 40 were "adopted").
- **Escrip (Peggy Ngai)** – 40 new members (more than last year) signed up at the picnic.

- **Membership (Doron)** – 32 new members signed up at the picnic.
- **Follow-up (Nathalie)** – Efi will not be able to coordinate the Walkathon. We need to find another volunteer to coordinate this event. Please let Nathalie know if you are interested in coordinating this event.
 - a) An event follow-up form for the Family Picnic from Galit will be distributed later via email.
- **Web Portal (James)** – James gave a PDF presentation on the current status and future plans for the Web Portal. This presentation is available on the PTA website www.nimitzpta.org – Click on the link for “Web Overview” to see this presentation.
 - a) PTA members made suggestions for promotion of the website – a “kiosk” computer in the library, a sticker with the website for every child’s blue folder.
 - b) Web admin team volunteers should let James know via the website – Volunteer form that they are interested in helping build up the website.
- **Volunteers for Nimitz events (Peggy Korn)**
 - a) The goal is to increase our pool of volunteers. Peggy has tried to contact the high school’s leadership teachers. If you know of leadership contacts at local schools, please let Peggy K. know.
- **Community Involvement** (Sefi was not able to attend this meeting and will be providing an update later).
- **Direct Donation (Susannah)** – an initial request letter went out 8 days ago. \$7385 has been promised so far. Some matching funds should also become available based on the submitted donations. A monitor will be displayed so that we can track the progress of the program. The final notice will go out 10/19 that will target families by grade level to indicate how that family’s student should benefit from the DD program.
- **Reflections (Susannah)** – The Reflections competition is a national PTA program – this year’s theme is “My Favorite Place”.

5. Other Business

- **Badges for PTA members** (James) – Reusable badges are available for parent volunteers who are on campus frequently. If you would like to request a badge, please e-mail James. Nathalie encourages PTA members to wear badges to help promote the PTA.
- “Join PTA stickers” /Posters (Nathalie)
- **3 new bulletin boards (Nathalie)** – The new bulletin boards were installed this week near the GLC, the CDC, and the kindergarten classrooms.
- (Nathalie) A **Walkathon** coordinator is needed. Nathalie will be sending an e-mail follow-up on the status.
- All PTA members are encouraged to
 - a) Visit the website
 - b) Sign up for Escrip
 - c) To spread the word about membership, website, and Escrip as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16th at school, GLC, 7:30pm.

Hospitality for next meeting: Ayala & Miri

Minutes submitted by Lenora Louie