

Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes for 10/16/06

Attendees: Lorraine Black, Tracy Burriss, Miri Ekshtein, Ryan Freed, Dale Jones, Silvina Kishinevsky, David Korn, Peggy Korn, Nathalie Landesman, Jonathan Leder (guest), Galit Lev-Ran, James Liu, Lenora Louie, Stephanie McCarthy, Fiona Sadowski, Yifat Shafran, Susannah Vaughan.

Nathalie Landesman called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. Accept Minutes

- Susannah Vaughan made a motion to accept the minutes. Tracy Burriss seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

2. Principal's report (Dale)

- Deborah Meier came to speak to parents about Dynamic Classrooms.
- State funding will be coming the form of block grants. Please complete Dale's survey by the next meeting on your recommendations on how those funds could be used.
- Scholastic voucher funds – 10 teachers (including the new teachers) increased their classroom libraries with the funds from the Scholastic vouchers. The school library will also be adding books purchased with the vouchers.
- After school activities – More after school classes are being added. There was a music class tryout. There will also be a math enrichment class.
- Some requests for possible future funding from the PTA were made. The first was funds to bring the First Aid and Disaster Supplies of all classrooms up to date. The second request was for planning future financial support (and programming) for the After School Enrichment program.

3. President's report (Nathalie)

- Events update
 - a) Coming Walkathon (Tracy) – There will be no Turkey Trot this year. All the kindergarteners plan to sign up for the Walkathon schedule. This will be the first year that they do the Walkathon with the other grades – possible because of the change to the full-day kindergarten. (Nathalie) Online registration and volunteer signup is helping improve our process. Lorraine Black will be looking into music CD's for the Walkathon. More setup and punch volunteers are needed for the Walkathon.
 - b) Red Ribbon Week – Sefi has purchased a "souvenir" for this event but will not be on hand to help distribute it.
 - c) Diversity Committee (Nathalie) - A brief overview of the mission and goals of the committee was stated (a handout was distributed).
 - d) Mission statement (Susannah) – An overview of the mission and goals for the PTA this year was stated (a handout was distributed).
- 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. 2006/2007 Budget Update

- 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.

5. Committee Reports

- Membership (Nathalie) – 55 members currently. A recruiting booth will be used to try to get new signups.
- EScrip (Nathalie) – EScrip raised \$230 as of 8/06. In September 15 new members signed up. There are 235 members total.

- a) Direct Donations (Susannah) – \$10,990 of our \$15,000 goal has been contributed. There is also ~\$3000 in promised and corporate matching funds. 102 families are currently participating out of 456.

6. Other Business

- Mailing lists (James) – James is compiling the names received from Kristen to put them into blind mailing lists for PTA use.
- Kindergarten play groups – Renu Pontil might be organizing the play group for this coming year.
- Cookie Dough distribution – (Stephanie McCarthy) A request was made by the teachers asking for parent volunteer assistance for Cookie Dough distribution on Friday, November 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 20th at school, GLC, 7:30pm.

Hospitality for next meeting: Ayala

Minutes submitted by Lenora Louie