

**Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes for 11/19/2007**

Attendees: Tracy Burriss, Tanvi Inamdar, Vidhya Jayadeep, Dale Jones, David Korn, Nathalie Landesman, James Liu, Renu Pontil, Jon Rawinsky, Fiona Sadowski, Susannah Vaughan.

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm.

1. Cub Scouts Presentation

We had a presentation from Dylan Hendrickson from the Boy Scouts of America. He talked about how to participate in Cub Scouts. Pamphlets were handed out with contact information. For more information on how to join and what the Cub Scouts do, please go online to the URLs: <http://www.sccc-scouting.org/>.

2. Approval of October 15, 2007 minutes.

Susannah's name was misspelled in the minutes not in the Attendee's section but below in the rest of the text. Her last name was missing an 'a'. In addition, Tracey Terrett brought up at the last meeting the T-shirt competition but that topic was omitted in the minutes. David Korn said he will help make the correction and resend them. Dave Korn motioned to approve the minutes with the above changes, Renu seconded. The approval passed unanimously.

3. Principal's Report

New CDC Preschool proposal - Dale announced to the PTA that the CDC have proposed to open a Preschool at Nimitz. Dale explained the benefits of a preschool for lower income families and for the most part, the teachers have given their approval. He has also discussed this with the School Site Council and while their approval is not required, he'd like to get an approval from the SSC as well.

Thanksgiving Feast – Dale reminder everyone that tomorrow (11/20) was the Thanksgiving Feast. District staff and dignitaries will be coming to sample the Feast as well.

4. President's Report

Secretary position open - Fiona announced that Shardaun Gerard, our PTA Secretary has expressed her desire to resign; cause for resignation was due to lack of time to fulfill her duties. Fiona will send out a notice soliciting volunteers to replace Shardaun. Renu expressed tentative interest. Duties of secretary include minutes taking, signing forms and checks and review and signing of the bylaws.

Reimbursement forms – Fiona explained to the group that at the last meeting, there were a lot of forms submitted for re-imbusement. The process does take some time and it would be preferable for people to submit all the forms prior to a PTA meeting so she and Jon could sign and issue them at the meetings.

Committee Reports

Walkathon and Read-a-thon; Tracy Burriss gave us an update on this subject. Teachers and staff discussed having a walkathon later this academic year. Tracy Burriss said that this was proposed to student council to have them run it to raise money. Student Council wants to wait until we decide whether we need to raise money and if we don't want to do it, then they may pick up the event and PTA could still help with drinks and punching cards. Teachers had no objection to hosting it during the school day. Some students had expressed they wanted more time, and to host it on a Friday or Saturday. The weekend might be preferable for more parents to come and help. Another suggestion was to host it on Valentine's Day. Students were **NOT** interested in a Read-a-thon.

eScrip Report: Peggy Ngai sent her report to Fiona who told the PTA that eScrip had provided us \$321 in August and \$700 in September. There were 74 new eScrip participants for the year as of August 18th, and the current total number of Nimitz eScrip participants is 308.

Membership: Nathalie reported that the first batch of cards arrived 3 weeks ago. Some folks have already received them. The card may entitle some users to go to the regional or national PTA website to receive certain discounts such as amusement park tickets. But those reports are unconfirmed.

Treasurer's Report: Jon said he was a little behind on reimbursements.

50th Anniversary Party Post-Mortem: General consensus was that it went well. No discussion followed.

Reflections: Susannah Vaughan reported that we had over 60+ entries submitted for the Reflections competition this year. The winning entries in each category have been sent on to compete at the district level. Pictures of the Visual Arts entries are now posted on the www.nimitzpta.org website. We had two outside judges – an author and a graphic designer. The Nimitz winner was a kindergartener. We should have district Reflections results in a couple of weeks. The winning entries from all the schools are posted at the CUSD District Office.

Spirit Wear: Dave Korn reported that the spirit wear sale is now closed to orders. We had a total of 132 orders valued at \$3878. One parent has a unpaid balance outstanding. A couple of interesting statistics: 60% of orders came from the 1st form that went out over a week ago, and about 40% of orders came in on second form that went out just last Thursday in the blue folders and came back the next day. There was another point of discussion: Dave suggested that if the motive for the sale was not for fund raising, then we could lower the cost later in the year. Currently we work with the supplier to mark-up all items \$3 across the board. Dave asked if we should lower the mark-up to \$0. Others suggested that perhaps we should look at keeping the price the same but seeing if we could get more colors on the same shirt, or perhaps we could pick another vendor to lower costs. Dave noted that we've do a lot of business with the current vendor and they do a lot of work for us too. Tracy Burriss said she can get another quote from another vendor she used for some staff shirts. The group discussed further whether we should make some money or no money on shirts. There was no conclusion except perhaps to table this discussion until the future.

Gift Cards: Susannah asked if we're going to do gift cards for the holiday. Fiona reported that Peggy did say yes. However, she's very busy right now, but should be able to organize a sale before the Winter Holidays.

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 17, 2007, at 7:30pm in the GLC.

Minutes submitted by J.Liu