

Nimitz School PTA
Meeting Minutes for 02/26/2009

Attendees: Anand Arunachalam , Debbie Czyzewski, Bruce Horn , Dale Jones , James Liu, Fiona Sadowski , Susan Woods ,

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Minutes had been sent out by Renu Pontil for email approval.

Principal's Report : The focus was on budget. Due to budget cuts and impasses at the state and expected deficits, CUSD has frozen accounts and the school could see less than \$1000 discretionary budget . The supply money that was requested and approved last PTA meeting is going to be very useful . Dale stated that there is a real possibility of layoffs this year , which would be the first time in 25 - 30 years in the CUSD . Pink slips of first year and temporary contract teachers are going out before March 15th. The most likely consequence will be larger class sizes next year . The District and State are looking to cut total funding to schools but lifting restrictions on the existing funds. There is a possibility of increasing from 20 to 25 students next year. Much of the planning will be done working through the School Site Council (SSC). Parents are welcome to attend those meetings.

Author Day: Susan Woods made the announcement that Author Day coming up. She is looking for PTA volunteers to help with the lunch line and yard supervision. Date is: Friday, March 20. Specifically, she's seeking 4 parents to handle the volume of students and Yard Duty.

Spirit Wear : Ms. Woods said that Pam had requested her to design the spirit wear this year. Ms. Woods will come up with two designs and should have them by next week.

Acrobats Assembly: Note by Ms. Woods was that the African Acrobats Assembly was extremely well received and money well spent. Mr. Horn concurred. It captured the students attention and both wondered if PTA funded such assemblies and if so, thank you. Mr. Horn will provide the pictures he has to PTA and the group discussed the idea of making a poster -collage as well as posting on the web..

General PTA Meeting : The idea was discussed about a broader PTA meeting to get all the parents out. We can try to do this in March. We need to decide on the date and it make it fun. The goal was to bring in more volunteers and members who could serve on our board. There were not enough people to decide on the date.

Walkathon : James reported that he still wants to put on the Walkathon but time is getting short and Sunnyvale Parks/Recs refuses to return calls, faxes, and emails. We need to secure a date well in advance. Otherwise, we will need to postpone to another month. The issue is trying to secure the park use. Fiona mentioned that she has always had good response from one of the folks that manages the field and she can provide that number. James said he and Dora had contacted 3 different people at Sunnyvale P/Rec and they got the run around. James will head down in person and get a response is possible. Ms. Woods suggested, if we have a walkathon, to have different levels for participation, and suggested theme of "Walkathon for Education" to help parents understand this is for raising money.

Teacher Appreciation : Fiona suggested that we can try to save money by spending less on volunteer tea, appreciation gifts., provided Dora hasn't already purchased the gifts. We could also make the volunteer tea a potluck event.

Membership : No report on Membership.

Silent auction coincides with spring dance. Debbie said we've sent solicitations for gifts and received lots of gifts. This is coming up in May. Would like to list on website. James said he could help with that. Mr. Horn suggested soliciting teachers for gifts of time or service. (e.g. 5 teachers out for Hike and Pizza. Or Dale said maybe a student could win a "Principal for the day." James suggested hair cuts. Both Dale and Bruce mentioned they've gone through that before (chuckle).

See's Candy : Parent Tracey Terrett wants to try a spring See's candy sale. It seems to be a good way to raise money. Same time as walkathon but okay with James.

Spring Dance: Will be happening May 9th. Same band. James said he was ready to do it again.

Diversity Meeting Summary: There will be a Carnival - Friday April 24th. Friday was chosen because of too many conflicts with Families and Saturdays. Van will do the fashion show and wants to do a cook-off. She needs to recruit parents to do stuff, like a dance troop, or groups of kids that want to run a booth. Dale will encourage teachers to setup booths and maybe charge some small money for things like field trips.

Project Cornerstone: "Expect Respect" presentation will target 4/5 graders. They will come out in 2 weeks. First step will be an assembly and then next will be the training for parents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Minutes submitted by James Liu.