

Minutes

Meeting May 21, 2009
called to order at ? pm

Those in attendance: Pam Berry, Marcus Louie, Debbie Czyzewski, Anand Arunchalam, Fiona Sadowski, Susannah Vaughan, Dale Jones, Tracey Terrett, James Liu, Connie Wang and Robin Geiman.

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (March 09)

Tracy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Debbie;
ayes 10 - motion carried

2. Principal's Report - Dale

a. Budget - Dale talked about the budget crisis and how it is affecting the district. As a member of the District Budget Advisory Council, he is more aware of the impact upon Nimitz. Other schools have large foundations to withstand the shortfalls. He encouraged concerned parents to be more actively involved in bringing their concerns to the district.

b. RTI update – An initial review of the data that has been gathered so far shows 'impressive growth.' The program has been very successful due to the dedication and energy of the teachers at all grade levels. This opinion was reflected by parents in the school survey and from student feedback. The data supports that the program is great for identifying strugglers who are given significant help through intensive interactions. High achievers are also getting targeted instruction. Teachers are meeting to go over the data, to review what worked well and to create plans for the future. Russ Ottie is on board with the program and has indicated that he will continue with it.

c. End of year activities – Field Day, Annual Staff v. student team soccer match, annual slideshow.

3. President's Report -Fiona - New board

Fiona welcomed and congratulated those present from the new board: President elect (Debbie), Executive Vice President elect (Tracey) and Treasurer elect (Anand) and thanked the outgoing board for a successful year.

4. Treasurer's Report - Marcus

Marcus highlighted, as of 5/20/09, a total revenue of \$28,035.45 and total expenditures of \$35,187.82, with balance on hand of \$18,654.87 . We are lucky to have the carryover. The economic situation will have an impact on our fund raising capacity next school year. Dale mentioned the need for a supplies drive to relieve the school of these expenses.

5. Direct Donation Report - Susannah

Susannah reported \$21,627.88 a quarter of which comes from Company Matching Funds.

6. Silent Auction and Raffle report – Debbie

Debbie reported a great event. 68 (out of 134) businesses that were contacted, responded with a donation. All teacher donations were raffled. The auction profit was \$2032 (so far) from the bid sheets and \$375 from the raffle. Expenses summed \$135.60 for postage (initial letters and thank you letters.) Donations that had no bids included: Triton Museum family membership, (2) Bug Ball Soccer Sessions (18mos-5 years), Dance Attack (4

classes), Santa Barbara Zoo (two passes), (1) Pruneridge Visual Golf Lesson, and (4) West Coast Martial Art gift certificates.

7. Spiritwear – Pam

Pam reported another successful sale. The total raised through spiritwear this year was \$1637.00 which is almost triple the amount budgeted at the beginning of the year (\$550.) Tracey made a request for a 'girl cut' t-shirt.

8. Any other Business

a. Dale reported that the Diversity Carnival was very successful; a fantastic community building event and profitable fund raiser for those classes who ran food booths. The Friday after school timing meant a guaranteed attendance. The cook-off organized by Van was a lot of fun for participants, judges (Dale, Bruce Horn and Peggy Chu) and observers.

b. Tracey reported that the 'bottles to cash' fund raiser was going really well. The kinders and first grade students raised approximately \$160. She requested that monies raised be used to buy recycling bins to be placed around school. Robin mentioned that Jocelyn Su was able to obtain bins for free from the city.

c. Pam initiated a discussion of the Teacher Appreciation gifts. The board recommended a review of this and other line items when next year's budget is put together.

d. After Dale had left, the board discussed the goodbye gifts that were being put together. Susannah is creating a mini-mural with left over supplies and will purchase sports themed books to be presented to our library in honor of Dale, James is refinishing fishing rods to be signed by all, Debbie is donating the Virtual Golf Lesson (from Silent Auction), Fiona will be addressing the school at his Goodbye Assembly.

e. After Marcus had left, the board agreed to give Marcus and Lenora the Triton Museum family membership (from Silent Auction) as a thank you gift from PTA for all their hard work over the years. (They are also leaving the school.)

Meeting adjourned ?pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susannah Vaughan

Next Meeting: TBD