

Neil Cummins PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 13, 2008
8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NC Staff Room

Attendees: Catherine Guthrie, Sarah Notter, Susan Christman, Kris Wade, Laura Anderson, Andrea Pierpont, Monica Malone, Allison Ross, Sheri Mowbray, Julia Ritter, Ann Trunko, Dominique Harroch, Carolyn Jensen, Marilyn Clark, Iku Perlmeyer, Donna McCauley, Laurie Dubin, Marne Cusisson, Erin Langs, Barbara Zeidman, Paige Rodgers, Cheryl Lipsky, Jill Strub, Mary Clyde, Pam Bittner, Hillary Redmond, Chiadra O'Donnell, Valerie Pitts, Marilyn Clark

Call to Order: Cathie Guthrie called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

Principal's Report: Marilyn Clark reported that the financial news coming out of Sacramento is dire. She is thankful for the generosity of the community families and community business partners as their contributions continue to make a big difference on our campus. She emphasized that we may have to move some of our funding around based on what happens with the State Budget and resulting anticipated cuts.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Trunko reported that our bank account balance is currently at \$70,000, most of which will go to pay Good Earth. We took in almost \$90,000 in first session of hot lunch. This resulted in approximately \$18,000- 20,000 in funds that will go to the PTA. The money taken in by the hot lunch program is critical to our ability to make contributions to the classroom supplies and support our teachers in the classroom. Sarah Notter made a motion to ratify the PTA checks written in the last month, Andrea Pierpont seconded the motion. Motion carried.

School District Board Report: Sheri Mowbray, School Board Trustee, reports that the cuts from Sacramento are coming. We will most likely face mid-year cuts. Estimate of the mid-year cuts may reach \$300 per student, or \$500,000 district wide from our \$12M budget. This is a considerable chunk out of our school funding. On the bright side we can be thankful for the district that we are in, as we have not felt the pinch to date. Additionally, the Board is going to vote on the final Facilities Master Plan at their next meeting. The proposal on the agenda is to build a second (upper-lower) campus on the Neil Cummins site. Population growth is anticipated in the District as we have full preschools, and there are 300 students in CML School District who attend private schools. Marilyn commented that we are already starting to see those kids come to our district. Questions were raised as to where the cuts will be made. Sheri said that everything is on the table at this time. She encouraged everyone to attend the School Board meetings, as the focus will be on the budget cuts.

PTA BUSINESS

Auditors Report: Pam Bittner reconciled our PTA Books for January 2008- June 2008. Monica Malone made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report. Kris Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Minute's from 10/16/08: Dominique Harroch made a motion to approve the October General Membership meeting minutes. Laura Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Updated Newsletter: Erin Langs reported that we hope to have the NC Bulletin (the "Pink") more reader friendly by the start of the New Year. She understands that many families are having trouble getting the bulletin. She will be sending out a flyer to all families to find out who is and

who is not getting the Pink Bulletin. It seems that the difficulties we are having are related to our distribution via Connect-Ed.

Lunch Audit Closed: Cathie Guthrie reported that the State lunch audit is closed. The feedback we have gotten is that the State does not approve of school districts' PTA's raising money through the lunch program e.g., PTA fundraising. Despite their findings we are running business as usual. Valerie Pitts has notified Barbara Boxer's office of the conflict. Despite rumors to the contrary, Good Earth is going to continue to provide our hot lunches. The hot lunch volunteers will be keeping a closer watch on food quantities and inventory.

Head Lice Issues: Julia Ritter reported that the lice conditions are improving. She stressed that lice are not a disease and not an illness, they are simply an annoyance. Becky, school nurse, is thankful for the parent volunteers. Julia floated the idea of doing a parent education session by either devoting an evening or after school event to the topic.

Adjournment: Cathie Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Common Sense Media Presentation: Audrey Shapira