

Holmes PTA Meeting

February 19, 2009

Present: Cathy Farman, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Trish Price, Jennifer Raven, Lesli Chuck, Shelley Bronzan, Jan Blumenfeld, Carolee Gregg, Joanna Littell, Cathy Fujimori, Deanna Leveque, Heather Wade, Sandra Schickele, Derek Brothers, Chuck Farman

I. Meeting called to order

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library
- ◆ Introductions conducted among those present

II. Minutes from January 2009 PTA meeting

- ◆ Carolee Gregg moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Kathy Fujimori seconded. Motion approved.

III. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Raven

- ◆ Jennifer Raven moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 1, 2008- Feb. 19, 2009. Carolee seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Jennifer reported that income from the fundraiser will be higher than expected, while eScrip revenue is still lower than expected.

IV. Safe Schools Ambassadors – Deanna Leveque

- ◆ Deanna Leveque described the Safe Schools Ambassadors program and how it is run; also showed a video made by student ambassadors; said she would like an additional adult volunteer to help with the program (there are currently four adults; five would allow her to go up to 40 kids in the program). Suggested a line item budget for the program of \$2,300 to \$2,500.

V. Parliamentarian's Report – Shelley Bronzan

- ◆ Shelley reported that she had requested volunteers for the nominating committee via the listserv and newsletter. The following individuals volunteered to serve on the nominating committee: Jan Blumenfeld, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Lesli Chuck, Jorge Rojas, Beth Stein and Shelley Bronzan.
- ◆ Shelley moved to approve the volunteers for the nominating committee. Jennifer Raven seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Cathy Farman requested that the committee include a search for a chair of career day as well as a Toy Shop coordinator.

VI. Teacher's Report – Heather Wade

- ◆ Heather Wade reported that teachers are busy preparing for Open House; Pi Week is coming up in March. Teachers enjoying presenting trophies to one another each month.

VII. Principal's Report – Derek Brothers

- ◆ Derek Brothers reported difficulties arranging for entertainment for International Day in May and suggested possibly skipping the event this year as it occurs the same week as the 8th and 9th grade field trips.
- ◆ Site plan is complete.
- ◆ \$3,000 grant has been received to help fund Wednesday morning activities.
- ◆ Discussion of possible teacher layoffs and impact on Holmes staffing and schedule.

VIII. **PTA Committee Reports**

- ◆ **Unfundraiser:** Carolee Gregg reported that checks continue to come in for the unfundraiser, including two \$1,000 checks in February. The \$11,591 raised is well over the goal of \$10,000. Parents of 7th graders have already been asked for \$10 to help with the cost of their field trip to the space museum and IMAX in Sacramento. Discussion ensued about whether those parents should be reimbursed since the unfundraiser has brought in enough money now to cover all costs
- ◆ **Parent Education:** Trish Price reported on two parent ed nights held in January and described upcoming programs on March 10 (on substance abuse) and March 24 (on peer relationships). There will also be parent ed nights on April 1 (options other than UC) and April 22 (adolescent development).

IX. **Counselor's Report** – *Joanna Littell*

- ◆ Joanna reported the counseling office is trying to better coordinate with the elementary schools in order to know in advance which incoming 7th graders might need extra support. Parent info meeting for incoming 7th graders scheduled for early March; counselors will begin visiting elementary schools thereafter.
- ◆ Counselors have been more proactive in setting criteria for and selecting students for AVID.
- ◆ New counselor Greg Warnock has been a great addition to the counseling office.

X. **Auditor's Report** – *Sandra Schickele*

- ◆ Sandra reported the books are in order.
- ◆ Carolee moved to adopt the audit. Shelley Bronzan seconded. Motion approved.

XI. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary