

Juan Cabrillo Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:16PM.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Secretary's Report:

- PTA Secretary was home with sick kids so there were no minutes to approve

2. President's Report: Jennifer Morgan

- Rock Around the Block: The event was well attended with more money brought in than last year which was a record high. Corporate donations were down, but overall we are up approximately \$2,000.

Mrs. Rodriguez would like to be more involved with food for next year's event. She plans to reach the Latino community with more variety. It was explained that there was little variety this year because there weren't enough volunteers to make that happen.

- Readathon: Packets were sent home with students today. Kudos to Beth for doing such a great job on the packets. Lunch winners will go with Mrs. Comitz in her car to Islands, Corner Bakery or LA Food Show.

- Open Positions: A 2007-2008 Open Positions list was sent home with Kinder registration packets. We now have a Treasurer for 07-08 - Susan Andriacchi. Jennifer Morgan has asked to become 1st VP and will mentor a new President, but she will continue to be President if no one else is available. We will also need a replacement person for Hands on Art for 07-08.

- PE Donation: Treasurer absent tonight, but President reports a \$4,500 donation for PE

- Teacher Appreciation: This item was discussed at the end of the meeting after the teachers left the room. Joanne Hall will be coordinating Teacher Appreciation (May 6-12), Secretary's Day (April 25) and Classified (custodian, aides, food service) week (third week of May - need to clarify dates) for the PTA. The overall budget is \$900 for all three events. Ideas were presented for each event to Joanne.

3. Treasurer's Report: Lynn Jacobson

- No Treasurer's report tonight

4. Principal's Report: Jane Comitz

- Introduction of Teachers present: Kelly, Mrs. Zirbel and Mrs. Rodriguez. Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the PTA and said the school needs PTA to fund needs (not wants). The thanked PTA for wanting to make this a quality school. Agreed to by other teachers who were present.

- Recognition: Mrs. Comitz read from today's Daily Breeze article and gave some achievement statistics. Cabrillo has won the API and Title I High Academic Achievement Awards. The API has been recalculated using more strict guidelines but our score is still 819. In state rankings, Cabrillo receives 8 out of 10 for all elementary schools and 9 out of 10 for all similar schools. This is the third year that we've won the Title I Award. Twenty local schools have been singled out for achievement, only four of them are elementary and one of those four is Cabrillo. The Title I Award banquet will be on Tuesday 4/17 and Mrs. Comitz will be going with Mr. Spiwak, Mrs. Ladendekker and Mrs. Pelican.

- April Calendar: The calendar has been published but needs to be revised. The new calendar will be out by spring break. Highlights: spring portraits by Lifetouch bring in \$1 per child who is photographed, the Evacuation Plan is finished, Secretary's Day includes clerks as well, a new Technology Plan was written and submitted, STAR testing coming up, WHO Award will honor Marilyn Gallup.

5. Playground:

- Update and photos on Power Point were presented. We have new sand toys, have repaired and repainted handball wall, repainted tetherball courts, Mrs. Comitz bought new tetherballs, kinder playground has had the bushes trimmed, sandbox cleaned out and concrete poured, PTA purchased cars and trucks to use on newly painted roads, the District bought new wood chips for under the structure, PTA bought new benches for under the tree, sandbox now has a cover to keep out cats. For trikes, we now have a storage shed, six trikes and a painted path. PE Class trained the kids on trike protocol. Mrs. Comitz thanked Kelly and the playground committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Hands on Art:

- Hands on Art is all done. Kids enjoyed the mosaic project - very successful. Jennifer Morgan said Annemarie did a fabulous job and Amy as well. We also need to thank the Dana Art teachers for helping with ideas. Next year, we would like to coordinate Hands on Art with Rock Around the Block so the kids could make t-shirts for their performance.

2. Book Fair:

- Nothing to report

3. Goodie Sales:

- Next sale will be 4/18, this will be added to the Principal's calendar. We are not meant to profit from goodie sales, but have been coming out ahead.

4. Box Tops for Education:

- Has ended for this year but we are still collecting them

5. Club Cards:

- Mrs. Comitz received two checks (\$199 from Ralphs and \$157 from Food 4 Less). If donor list comes to the school, it needs to be forwarded to the PTA.

NEW BUSINESS

- no progress on new PTA name. Mr. Corona has volunteered to help

- Measure A: It was clarified that during school time and using school property during school time, teachers and staff cannot campaign on Measure A, only talk about the facts of the matter. Measure A extends the existing bond without increasing taxes. Wednesday at 6:30 there will be a planning meeting at Jane Denny's house. It was made clear that anybody can endorse the measure even if they are not a resident. Cabrillo PTA was asked to back the measure. PTA can campaign during the school day. We are allowed to register voters on the property and there will be a campaign to register voters at each school.

- Wiseburn Faculty Association teachers union collects funds to give scholarships to Wiseburn alumni pursuing education in college. The money (\$300-\$500) goes directly to the student. There is \$0 in the fund right now. PTA has budgeted \$250 from the approved budget and check was written.

- Dana Tour: Tuesday 4/17 at 3PM. Dana is 70% completed. 80% of cost was funded by local corporations and 20% by taxpayers.

- Butterfly Garden: Mrs. Comitz asked if we had properly thanked Mrs. Stein and her mother for the mural and upkeep of the garden. They will possibly be honored at Open House.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM