

December 7, 2009  
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Meeting  
Minutes

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Trish Bosco at 7:05 PM.

Present: Trish Bosco, Shelley Wickwire, Stephanie Rubinstein, Rachel Riely, Stacy Lovitt, Trista Pandeleos, Charla Kordana, Amy Lemmo, Shelley Wong, Liz Shorts, Rebecca Keller, Gayle Murray, Laura Coleman

- 1) Welcome
  - a. Trish welcomed everyone.
  - b. We all went around the room and introduced ourselves.
  
- 2) Special Guests
  - a. Sydney Vergis
    - i. Wanted our input on a PTA Group Challenge using the Low Carbon Diet Challenge. This is meant to reduce our impact on the environment. Sign ups went around for those interested. The general consensus was that our PTA felt that taking this on at this time was too much.
  - b. Elaine Woo
    - i. Elaine was introduced by Shelley as our new Math Specialist. She will primarily be working 3-6 grades, Thursday, Friday, and alternating Wednesdays. She's been working in the classes with the teachers helping implement the new math adoption. There will be some pull out for basic skills enhancement.
  
- 3) Approvals
  - a. November Meeting Minutes- Stacy Lovitt made a motion to ratify November's minutes. Liz Shorts seconded. Motion was passed.
  - b. Treasurer's Report: Gift Mart made approx. \$1800. Bookfair made approx. \$3800. Check Disbursements were ratified with a motion from Rachel and seconded by Shelley Wong.
  
- 4) Member Reports
  - a. Principal (Shelley Wickwire)

Shelley reported that with pending budget cuts, it looks like we will be going to a ratio of 25 or 28:1 student to teacher ratio in grades K-3. This would mean layoffs of 4-5 teachers mainly coming from 4-6 grades because of low seniority. Site council has drafted a letter to the district asking for help keeping stability in our teaching staff. Everyone is encouraged to attend School Board Meetings and, if possible, Budget Advisory Committee meetings.

Shelley applied for a grant to the Putah Creek Council thru the EPA in order to fund wetland lessons on campus. [www.riverofwords.org](http://www.riverofwords.org)

b. Trista Pandeleos – Teacher Liaison

Trista thanked the PTA for the wonderful lunches supplied to the teachers during conference week.

She also has had feedback from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers that they would like more communication regarding the funding of Walker Creek. We discussed ways to get more families involved in raising funds for outdoor ed. There was a lot of interested in implementing a ‘scholarship plan’ where families could ‘work off’ tuition.

c. Community Events

It was reported that Craft Night was well attended. There was low attendance at the book fair’s Wednesday night International Night. Rebecca Keller announced that she is seeking out a replacement to chair the book fair starting in the spring. She also noted that our profit has been decreasing over the past 5 fairs.

d. Fundraising

Gift mart was a success. We discussed having an area with crafts made and sold by children next year.

e. Auction – Charla Kordana

Invitations and raffle tickets are going home to families before the winter break. We need a ‘Fund-an-Item’. Suggestions included PE Curriculum, PE Equipment, MPR screen. Charla reported that many businesses have cut back on donations. We need to work our connections. Caffe Italia is going to do the catering.

- 5) Missoula Children’s Theatre is coming to town Jan. 19-23. Comfort Inn and Suites is donating 2 rooms for the week in order to house MCT’s 2 employees that will be running the show.
- 6) The yearbook is having a difficult time getting onto the Lifetouch website because of the district firewalls. They are having to make new arrangements possibly off campus.
- 7) Holiday Cookie Exchange  
Laura nominated her husband, Dan, to organize the annual Holiday Cookie Exchange for the teachers. Thanks Dan!!

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm