

March 1, 2010
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Meeting
Minutes

Call to order:

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

Present: Amanda Walsh, Stacy Lovitt, Shar Katz, Millie Barajas, Charla Kordana, Amy Brugger, Gayle Murray, Tracie Bezerra, Shelley Wong, Lauren Brandy, Rebecca Keller, Trista Pandeleos, Ali Gosende, Amy Lemmo, Liz Shorts, Stephanie Rubenstein, Tricia Bosco, Alessandra Frizzi, Shelly Wickwire, Susan Rivera, Laura Coleman, Elizabeth Moon

I. Welcome

- Tricia Bosco called the meeting to order at 7:05.
- Went around the room and made introductions.

II. Special Guests

- Ann from Farm to School
 - Booster club—works in partnership with the district
 - Runs a cooking school for school nutrition services in the district –teach 4 flavor profiles on dishes kids already know and like
 - Talked about changes going around in children's lunch
 - Focus on garden-based learning, food in the schools,
 - Evaluators from UC Davis—43% of district food is local
 - Where kids see fresh produce:
 - In hot foods (e.g., Thurs soup from scratch, with artisan wheat roll)
 - Sign up sheet sent around to be emailed monthly menus
 - Parents can come eat with their children to sample the school

III. Approvals

Meeting Minutes- Susan Rivera read minutes from last meeting (February 1, 2010). Traci Bezerra made a motion to ratify January's minutes and Ali Gosende seconded. Motion was passed.

IV. Member Reports

B. Shelly Wickwire

- Got layoff letters today... 12 notices to deliver
- Shelley asked that as a community we stay engaged to solve this problem (3rd year in a row that we had disproportionate number of pink slips)
 - We need: (a) stability in the upper grades and (b) people who want to be here

- 5 furlough days
- Good possibilities that there will be some retirements... have not had to declare yet (possible we'll get 30—number it would take to make the handshake package work)
- Started working again with Cultural Storytelling through the Arts—3rd grade ceramics; lower grades dance and drawing
- Moons need **two home stay families** for Korean students coming (5 boys, 5 girls—4th 5th and 6th grade students)
 - Coming Sat March 27th and Sun 28th—welcome dinner @ the Mayor's house, takes students home. Leaving following Friday or Saturday. Interested persons should contact Elizabeth Moon.

C. Trista Pandeleos: No report. Teacher's feedback on Missoula Children's Theatre: it was great... try to make a better connection with the Bridge program and get those kids involved.

- Jump-a-thon... liked the assembly—would be fun to have "trick jumpers" next time
- Positive feedback on the auction... liked the teacher table—would like to know (for the future) what the item sold for
- Thought clothes closet was a good idea, but need to be cautious about embarrassment factor (swap with another school?)
- Worried about secretary on the layoff list
- Under current plan: lose noon supervisors-- What types of positions can PTA save? Categorical and non-classified

D. Tracy Bezzerra, Communications. No report.

E. Community Events (Ali Gosende).

- Family Science night: Trish asked UCD Chemistry Club to come and do the "Picnic Day" Chemistry Show as a "practice" on Monday March 8th 6-8pm —Book Fair kick-off—open all day. Must be done outside—will do near the covered picnic tables.
- Bingo Night: Feb 24th at 7pm
- Tomorrow night: SI showing movie "speaking in tongues"—talks about immersion experience for children
- Talent Show: try-outs 13th of April
 - Week before spring break: Elizabeth Moon will send home a permission slip – each child must have a permission slip to be there
 - Selected Tuesdays after school until 4:30 until the end of school (Montgomery Days—June 4)—June 1st = dress rehearsal

F. Amanda Walsh: Fundraising.

- Talked about hospitality (teacher lunch conference week)—finalized all volunteers
- AUCTION: \$61,866 gross, may still sell a couple of spots at parties-- \$62k
 - Next year's date: last Saturday in February—please email Amanda if you're interested in helping out next year

VI. Unfinished Business:

- Outdoor Education/Walker Creek—get some parents (6th grade next year) who would do fund raising for next year
 - Trying to get a committee to work on this
- Forming nominating committee for next years slate of officers
- Trish went to Davis Schools Foundation meeting—pre-launch meeting March 4th (Oddfellows Hall) for businesses that are interested in participating
 - Want to do school donation days—send sign-up home with kids (get treats for getting parent signature)... few days later ask for donations for dollar-a-day campaign
 - North Davis earned \$70k doing this.
 - This gives money to the district at large to save teachers and other staff positions
 - Schoolapalooza—April 24th
 - Deb Neimeyer is our DSF liason
- Yearbook: need to sell more!
 - Contest: classroom that sells the most has an autograph pizza party
 - Selling business ads (\$100, \$50, \$25)... also doing "displays of affection" ads for parents
- Book Fair starts this Friday (March 5th)
- Next PTA meeting: Monday, April 19th

VII. Adjournment- Tricia Bosco adjourned the meeting at 9:03PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Rivera