

Montgomery Site Council Minutes
April 16, 2009

Draft

Comment [O1]:

Meeting starts: 7:28 p.m.

Attendance: Amanda Walsh, Shelly Wickwire, Cheri Burau, Sonia Contreras, Bob Bain, Nora Brazil, Elizabeth Moon

Public Comment: None

Approval of March 2009 Minutes

Motion: approve the minutes

Proposed by Cheri Burau, seconded by Sonia Contreras

Approved 6-0

Member Reports: Minutes for all MME meetings will now be posted on the school website (i.e. Site Council/PTA/ELAC).

ELAC- The five part parenting class for ELAC parents is now completed. The classes focused on introducing parents to the MME school library, Yolo County library, and the MME computer lab. The classes were part of a grant that we received from First Five of Yolo County.

The last scheduled ELAC meeting took place on the same night as our MME Math Night. UC Davis Interns/Mary-Betty Stevenson provided the math night activities this year which were based on a Pirate Theme. All activities were translated into Spanish. The great success of Math Night has given Kim Patchett and Shelly Wickwire a new goal- to create a 6th grade Math Decathlon. Shelly is hoping to hold the math decathlon in the MPR during the day and ask all 6th grade students to participate.

ELAC continues to be well attended, next weeks meeting will focus on speech and language therapy.

GATE- Not attended by Site Council member. Shelly did state that half of those students that were GATE identified this year at MME will be leaving for other schools.

PTA- See attached minutes for both April and May. Amanda/Elizabeth asked Shelly about the possibility of having teacher's open their classrooms on the night of the Kick Off Picnic. This topic was brought up at the last PTA meeting and a number of parents liked the idea of having teacher's present and rooms open (for a short period of time) so that the first day of school was less intimidating for students. Elizabeth also brought up the idea of a Kinder Social which would be PTA sponsored, which would allow incoming Kinder students and their parents

an opportunity to visit their classrooms and meet some of the other children in their class. Shelly agreed that the Kick Off Picnic needs to be a more welcoming event but she did not feel that teachers needed to open up their classrooms. A letter needs to go home telling families what to expect at the Kick Off Picnic. We could also change the venue to picnic- where families bring their dinners and a dessert to share. Both the Kinder Social and the Kick Off Picnic require more thought and staff discussion.

School Climate- The climate survey will be posted online. This survey is much more child centered than the survey put out by YALE. The new survey also allows for students to be identified by gender and ethnicity.

Shelly completed the application for the 200,000 dollar PG& E solar grant. Recently, John Mott-Smith visited MME/Shelly to get more information about an article he is writing about schools in our district and their “green” status.

Baskets for change- all classrooms have a basket in their room to collect money for schools in Uganda. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Make A Difference Club.

Spanish Immersion- The March 30th meeting had a very small parent turn out. This committee needs parent leadership.

SAC- No Report.

DAC- No Meeting.

Announcements:

*None

New Business:

*Site Council Elections: Shelly and Amanda will get information to the Round Up regarding upcoming Site Council Elections/timeline/position papers/ and ballot distribution. New members of Site Council should be elected before our last meeting so that they can attend on June 4.

Continuing Business:

*None

Budget Projections: .

Agenda Development:

*Concept level approval of budget

*Review goals on Site Plan

*Site Council Elections

Meeting Adjournment:

Shelly Wickwire motioned to adjourn.

Amanda Walsh seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Addendum

April 13, 2009
Marguerite Montgomery PTA Meeting
Minutes

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Sue Shepps at 7:10 PM.

Present: Elizabeth Moon, Rebecca Keller, Tracie Bezerra, Susan Shepps, Catherine Brooks, Lauren Clancy, Amanda Walsh, Charla Kordana, Susan Rivera, Diane Muller

I. Welcome

- ◆ Sue Shepps called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

II. Approvals

Meeting Minutes- Charla Kordana made a motion to ratify March's minutes and Catherine Brooks seconded. Motion was passed.

Ratify Check Disbursements- Catherine Brooks made a motion to ratify disbursements made in March. Susan Rivera seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New PTA Board Slate Announced: The nominating committee met on March 2, 2009 to consider all eligible candidates for the 2009/2010 term of office. On behalf of the nominating committee, I, Catherine Brooks, present the following slate of officers for the association's consideration:

PRESIDENT	TRISH BOSCO
VP FUNDRAISING	AMANDA WALSH
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VP COMMUNITY EVENTS	ALI GOSENDE
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PTA Budget Ideas – Proposal from teacher's are needed before the end of the school year for next year. A discussion ensued concerning various ideas. One idea is to give grade level money, a larger amount, in order for grade levels to decide on something special for their whole grade level. Other ideas were generated concerning after school clubs and ideas outside the box were encouraged.

III. Member Reports

Principal(given by Lauren Clancy)

- ◆ Baskets for change were kicked-off today. Ms. Fleenor presented a slide show about working with a special group in Uganda.
- ◆ Beautification Day is April 25th. Plenty of tasks will be lined up for everyone to be involved.
- ◆ April 27th is the start of STAR testing on campus. Each grade level will be setting up their own schedule. www.cde.ca.gov website will provide practice questions.
- ◆ Preliminary Staffing looks at a 1/ 2 combo and possibly a 3 /4 combo.
- ◆ May 1st is the deadline for t-shirt contest. Kids will be judging drawings in the library.
- ◆ LCD projectors information is being gathered.
- ◆ Spring performances are going to start taking place.

Teachers (Lauren Clancy) – no report necessary

VP Fundraising (Liz Shorts) – no report necessary

VP Community Events-(Catherine Brooks)

- ◆ Math night went really well. It was very impressive and looking into science for next year. They are part of a club at UC Davis and they are advised by Mary Stevens at UC Davis. It was the most organized family event at night with diverse activities. Donated the decorations for the pirate theme to them.
- ◆ School Carnival is June 5th. Vendors are lined up for this year. Discussion of what we can offer to all students. Looking into volunteers for running the carnival games, possibly university students.
- ◆ Back to school picnic was up to discussion about how to make more meaningful connections. Ice-cream socials for the in-coming kindergarteners and their teachers. Meeting of teachers before the first day of school was discussed, with caveats about no discussions about placement issues. Further discussions were had about gathering a PTA committee to help teacher's with classroom set-up. Also, a change of Sunday to Tuesday of the first week of school was discussed.
- ◆ Mustang run is still up in the air. Looking at Jamba Juice opportunities.

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Treasurer (Diane Muller)

- ◆ There are a lot of budget categories that still have money. Now is the time to ask for any funds that have been used or funds that teachers or clubs are thinking of using.

Other Special People

- ◆ Yearbook discussion took place at climate committee, looking at yearbook club with a teacher/parent advisor.
- ◆ Looking at getting the Mustang T-shirt to sell for the carnival.

IV. Announcements

- ◆ Next PTA Meeting: Monday, May 4th
- ◆ School Beautification Day April 25th
- ◆ Mustang T-shirt drawing contest over April 29th/May 1st

V. Adjournment- Tracie Bezerra adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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