

Oak Avenue Elementary School

PTA Association Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: PTA President, Trish Fairbanks, called the association meeting to order at 8:45 am with 19 members present. Attachment 1 – Sign in sheet; Attachment 2 – Agenda

Trish introduced Margot Harrigan, LASD Board Trustee. Margot encouraged everyone to be informed about the upcoming LASD school board election on the November ballot.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: Presented by Shira Davidson and MaryGrace Descourouez. Shira and MaryGrace reported on Student Council's goals for the school year.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 9, 2009 association meeting presented by Diane Turriff (Attachment 3). The minutes stand as written.

TEACHERS REPORT: Presented by Amy Romem for Lenore Levoi. She reported on teachers' implementation of the new math program as well as the Step Up to Writing program.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Presented by Amy Romem

Amy thanked all the parents who helped with the Walk-a-thon and the Book Fair. The sixth grade is away at camp this week. On Thursday, October 8th (minimum day for students) the teachers throughout the district met with other teachers teaching the same grade to exchange ideas. Amy outlined guidelines for the VIP parent program. School and district policies regarding lice were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Go Green: presented by Julie Scott

Julie described the committee's mission and goals for the year. The lunchtime recycling program will be restarted next week with reminders to students regarding proper recycling. Any parent who can help at lunch October 19 through 30 are encouraged to contact her. Go Green tips will be in Notes from Oak twice a month. The committee is continuing to develop new Go Green policies.

Hot Lunch: presented by Lisa Schaffer

They are serving about 200-215 hot lunches a day. They have made just over \$1800 so far this year. She will discuss with the vendor the possibility of adding hot lunches on Thursdays, depending in part on whether enough parent volunteers can be found. She is also working on the question of bigger portions for older students.

Walk/Bike to School – Traffic Safety: presented by Doug Hahn

The Bike Rodeo in September was a success with 82 participants and help from Bicycle Outfitters. In October students are keeping track of days they walk/bike/carpool to school with prizes for the class with highest participation.

Book Fair: presented by Shari Chao

Book sales (pre-tax) were approximately \$16,000 this year. The school will net 25% (about \$4000) and some bonus dollar incentives, about \$1000 in Scholastic products. The third grade coin drive netted \$275 with which the third graders bought 53 books for Costano Elementary School in East Palo Alto. We will also donate 75 free books received from Scholastic.

Holiday Faire: presented by Nicole Frees

The Holiday Faire will be November 5-7. This is the 35th Holiday Faire. New this year six graders will be offering their own crafts for sale on Friday.

INTRODUCTION AND RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR: Presented by Pam Prahm

Pam Prahm introduced Tara Williamson as the Dinners In/Dinners Out Committee Chair for the 2009-2010 year. Shawn Descourouez moved to ratify the Committee Chair. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009): Presented by Trish Fairbanks on behalf of Martha McClatchie, See Attachment 4 – PTA Treasurer's Report
The PTA had a cash balance of \$147,000. Membership dues totaling \$13,000 have been collected; we have paid Council dues. We've paid first portion of commitment to LASD for school supplies (\$6233) as well as a library donation (\$4520) and new principal supplies (\$1000).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by Trish Fairbanks

Trish reported on the status of implementing the Conflict Management Program. Trish also reported on plans to give a facelift to the Multi. Tentative plans will be presented at the next association meeting and the November 13 coffee with the principal at which time we will be seeking ideas. Tim Justus will be at the coffee.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am. The next meeting will be held on November 10th at 7:00 pm in the Multi.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Turriff
Oak Avenue Elementary PTA Secretary