

Cipriani School PTA January 28, 2010

Call to Order at 7:10 pm – **Annette Robinson**

Attendees: Annette Robinson, Amy Sue Lombardi, Lorraine Lapiere, Maria Lang-Gavidia, Karen Werner, Julie Alexander, Charles Stone, Jessica Stone, Jessica Khouri, Roberta Greenspan, Teri Delgadillo, Nancy Jung, Teri Delgadillo, Marla Becker, Helen Geimer, Bradley Croshal, Barry Rowland,

Welcome Annette Robinson

State of the School (10-15 minutes) - Maria Lang-Gavidia

*Technology Program Update - Julie Alexander

- Reviewed slide show
- Technology Committee met last Fri 22 Jan
- Now have computer lab in MUR Mon & Fri's via laptops from carts purchased by PTA
- Lab now connected via wireless & nearby printers
- Computers also go to Rm 15 some days
- Showed examples of student work
- Thanked parent volunteers & 5th grader tech aides (part of their community service options)
- Reviewed programs & internet sites used and student feedback
- Arrived at 5 & 10 year goal's
 - 5 year goal to integrate tech in classroom
 - ebeam interactive whiteboards and would like the PTA to consider along with grants
 - 10 year one to one computer to student
- Discussion
 - Laptops
 - Cipriani is compiling its own content standards
 - Would be helpful to have [USB memory] "sticks" or Julie spoke of a digital locker (currently limited by internet bandwidth)
 - Helpful to refresh software licenses that have expired and to support more advanced kids
 - Maria offered to get estimates together for the above in coordination with technology committee
 - By Nov internet bandwidth issues will be resolved via district Comcast arrangement
 - Maria was not aware of issues/desires with laptop image management. Maria will follow up with Sean Colt

- Maria invited volunteers to help with staff development
 - Discussed refresh cycles for hardware replacement
 - Maria says she is getting adequate parent volunteers
 - Smart boards
 - projectors installed on arm over whiteboards
 - Maria also working with district tech person
 - PTA asked for feedback generally on how PTA might utilize \$10k budgeted for technology
 - Teachers have been asking for recycled/refurbished iPods
- *RTI Update (Response to Intervention)
- early intervention for kids at risk so they don't slip back
 - building small tutoring groups working with parent volunteers (welcomed more)
 - mentioned English language development (EL) students identified from STAR scores getting extra support through program
 - shifting focus to students struggling academically
 - currently 5 parents tutors running about 8 groups per week working under direction of the teacher
- *Homework Club
- received a grant and going to start next week
 - class room teachers doing 40 kids 2/week per week
 - more targeted intervention for particular students and oversubscribed
 - looking for extra money for one teacher to run one more group
 - discussed if PTA can fund teachers and/or materials
 - snacks provided
- *School Climate Improvement Update
- program getting on its feet with last of 3 teacher training
 - student conflict managers already on the job with an intro at Monday morning meeting
 - "Talk it Out" parent workshop scheduled Wed 24th 6:30 to 8:30 for 40 people by reservation to be explained in flyer in development
 - PTA discussed providing childcare
- *Kinder Visitation Day
- had 1st last week with Karen & Annette for PTA & Andrea for site council
 - 23 families attended about 1/3 of last year
 - another setup for Feb 4
 - district has made registration forms available on line from Feb 1
 - siblings Feb 22nd to 26th and new students 1 March
 - parents are informed about enrollment limitations for 2010/11
 - siblings have priority

*Cipriani Soup

- after board approval Maria submitted for a Kent award to the county office awarded for schools being representative of the community or fostering student achievement.
- Will learn of outcome next year
- Mr Nakamura has one an award ~5 years ago

Bellworks work books

- purchased recently for each child for all grades except k) has one \$5/child purchased as part of site plan
- able to be used if a few minutes work before bell
- same format as STAR test
- would like PTA to consider for next year

General

- discussed shortage of copy paper and that PTA may fund
- still have \$800 in budget of \$1,500 for school supplies

Officer Updates

Treasurer (10 minutes) Karen Werner

*Transaction record

- distributed transaction record since Oct 15
- NonATHon more than expected budget 15 received 17
- nothing else significant different from budget
 - Nancy moved to approve
 - Jessica 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously

*Approval of allowance for music and science

- budget for teacher supplies is \$500 k-3 & 750 for higher
- propose \$100 for 2 music and 1 science teachers (not budgeted)
 - Nancy moved to approve
 - Teri 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously

*Approval of funds for PCRC

- \$404 proposed to be added (not budgeted) for "Talk it Out" parent workshop
- Teri moved to approve
- Loraine 2nd

Fundraising (5 minutes) Lisa Fields

*Dinner/Dance Auction Update (5 minutes) Annette for Jaime Dal Porto

- event at San Mateo Elks Club Sat Mar 20 invitations mailed this week
- dress may be formal or casual
- seeking donations for auction
- attendees can reserve a table of 10 at \$5/person & 10 for table
- Cipriani after care is open on the night
- PTA pays for the teachers to attend
- volunteers welcome
- class projects are moving along - not included for the evening & available for parents in the classroom to purchase with proceeds to event

New Business

*Adoption and Approval of By-Laws (10 minutes) Jaime Dal Porto

- hoped to approve at this meeting now to be in Feb

*Discussion of election in March (5 minutes)

- March have election for PTA board positions
- all positions are available
- 2 years term limits up for President, Treasurer, VP Volunteers, VP fundraising
- nominees have to be posted for 30 days

*Nominating Committee (10 minutes)

- identified Rosalie Mercado, Jamie Trierweiler & Marit Hsich
 - Jessica to approve
 - Marla 2nd
 - Motion carried unanimously

Other:

School Force Update (5 minutes)

Karen Werner

- **General**
 - raised \$400k to date district wide (\$130/child)
 - suggested donation is \$500/child
 - reminded folks of company matches
 - seeking volunteer Public Relations and Graphics design help
- **Reading Power Update - Marla**
 - 4 people co chairing
 - publicity to start in Feb
- **Casino Royale raised \$50k**
- **Goal of \$1MM**
 - discussed concerns about whether on track & hope for a stronger projection at next meeting

Kindergarten Update (5 minutes) Roberta Greenspan

- Roberta
 - 1st grader & incoming K in 2011 & joined Save K at C group of parents
 - became part of a parent group who recently collaborated with district, school and parents
- discussed background, current status & improved relationship with school
 - noted board approved 2010/11 for 40 Kindergarteners with 20 returning in 1st grade from Nesbit
- discussed longer term challenges and board focus on bond though unclear what is plan B if it fails
- Maria commented that the Bond measure aimed at bringing all facilities up to date and having adequate capacity to meet projections
- Encouraged parents to participate in Board meetings
- Roberta wrote to the Teachers Union via Emerita regarding options to accommodate greater K students via 1st grade increased class size OR two teachers with up to 30 K class size. She learned from Emerita that the Union chose to not proceed this year though may consider it going forward.
- Barry asked if there was any update to the last board issue that arose around the legality of 1st come 1st served. No one was aware of any updates.

Jessica Khouri

Sprint grant

- suggests Cipriani would be a good candidate for the grant associated with our character improvement programs already underway
- grant submissions due in Feb with proceeds of up to \$5k

AG Ferrari

- past donor for auctions
- now focus on event at their business
- they provide invitations; they do promotion; sell tickets
- discussed need for caution given current receipts & budget to be in support of School Force and PTA fundraising guidelines

Reading and Approval of Minutes Barry Rowland

- Minutes were read by Barry Rowland
- Motion to Approve – Karen
- Seconded – Amy Sue
- Motion carried unanimously with no discussion

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Adjournment at 9:08

Next Meeting – Feb 25, 2010 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room