



McNear Elementary PTA Minutes
October 6, 2009
6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Susan Cook	Antionette Butts
Sheri Borloz	Katherine Wuopio
Tricia DeCarli	Drew Reinstrim
Jason Sutter	Tena Jackson
Kendall Abramson	Diane Deardorff
Nicole Marzo	Angela Mills
Wendy Barton	Jennifer Dunbar
Anna Bies	Carlin Finke
Anita Morris	Christi Reynolds

- I. Call to Order – **ACTION Christi Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.**

- II. Approval of September 1, 2009 minutes – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Christi Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes and Nicole Marzo seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.

- III. Principal Update

Jason Sutter discussed the emphasis that he and the staff are placing on citizenship. There will be assemblies for the primary grades on Wednesday, September 2 and for the upper grades on Thursday, September 3 where Jason Nicole Renae and Janice will be rollplaying about what it is to be a citizen of McNear School. The assembly is being called a “Safety Assembly”. They will emphasize 3 important school rules: Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. The discussion will be framed around bullying and ensuring that McNear School is a safe place. The staff will also be focusing on Falcon Feathers and focusing on target behaviors, specifically positive and encouraging language toward fellow classmates.

- IV. Ice Cream Social/Raffle Update – **DISCUSSION**

Antionette Butts reported that the Ice Cream Social brought in \$1,240, expended \$543, for a net of \$697. About 500 people attended.

V. Fundraisers – **DISCUSSION**

There will be a new format for addressing fundraising ideas. All ideas will be reviewed by Jason Sutter and his staff and then brought to the PTA for their approval which will be voted upon by the PTA, during an interim PTA meeting, if necessary. Christi and Kendall must approve all language that goes out in a fundraising flyer.

Turkey Fundraiser - Anna Bies and Wendy Barton presented their proposal for a Turkey fundraiser. They would order turkeys from Willie Bird, paying \$1.83 per pound and selling for \$2.79 per pound, the same price that Petaluma Market charges. They would also like to sell smoked turkeys. They would also like to sell pumpkin pies, ordered from Costco. They would also like to sell items from Stonewall Kitchen, which includes cranberry sauce, pumpkin butter, and various mixes.

Granola - Sandy Jurek would like to sell granola, possibly as a fundraiser for 4th grade field trips. She submitted her proposal to Christi Reynolds outside this meeting, which will be discussed by Jason Sutter and his staff.

Candygrams – Anne Digges (via proxy) submitted the idea of selling candygrams throughout the school to promote a sense of comradery. The candygrams –or flowergrams or turkeygrams, etc. – would be sold at a low cost and could be purchased by students or their parents and would coincide with holidays or school events.

The above fundraising ideas will be discussed by Jason Sutter and his staff and will be voted upon during an interim PTA meeting.

VI. Membership Update – **DISCUSSION**

Tricia DeCarli reported that we currently have 139 members.

VII. Carnival Update – **DISCUSSION**

Antionette Butts reported that the carnival will occur on October 17th from 11-3. There will be a haunted house this year, as well as the usual booths. Bracelets will cost \$10. Classes are creating their raffle baskets. She will put community hours sign-up sheets for the 6th graders to volunteer at the carnival and receive community service

hours. There will be a smoothie booth. There will be a fear factor scenario where kids will be asked educational questions.

VIII. After School Enrichment Update – **DISCUSSION**

Susan Cook reported that ASE is running smoothly. There were several scholarship requests but the program is breaking even. This is in part due to the fact that four students from Grant School participated in the Computer Game Design class. Susan suggested that in future ASE sessions, any spots not reserved by McNear students be opened up to Grant students. This is an attempt to not only raise money for the McNear PTA fund, but also to foster relationships between McNear and Grant students. McNear students, including those with tuition assistance requests, would be given first priority.

IX. Treasurer's Report – **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Antionette Butts reported that there is there is \$3,000 available that was earmarked to be donated to SHAKE who would then use the \$3,000 to fund the PE specialist, but we no longer have a PE specialist. Jason Sutter suggested that we hold onto the money because he anticipates more budget cuts in the foreseeable future. There is approximately \$3,500 left from the garden fund but we no longer have a garden coordinator. An online poll was conducted and there seems to be an interest in using the money to fund a part time coordinator but no action has been taken yet. **Antionette Butts motioned to change the signatories on the PTA account from Gary Hegenbart, Luigi Resta, Antionette Butts and Tricia DeCarli to Christi Reynolds, Kendall Abramson, Antionette Butts and Tricia DeCarli. Nicole Marzo seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously. Nicole Marzo moved to ratify the Board's decision to purchase the bike that was raffled off at the Ice Cream Social. Carlin Finke seconded the motion. There was no opposition, thus the motion passed unanimously.**

X. Open Discussion – **DISCUSSION**

There was a discussion about reviewing the Performing Arts program and how it was run. There will be a meeting in the Spring that will review the program.

There was a discussion about the Westside Relays and the fact that we no longer have a coach due to budget cuts. It was suggested that we contact Jim Lynch, Petaluma High School track coach, and discuss the idea of getting members of the high school track team to help coach.

There was a discussion about the 6th Grade graduation party. Last year the 6th grade parents met with some resistance from the teachers about holding the event on campus so the 6th grade parents took over coordinating the event which was held in the multipurpose room. If the event is held on campus it must be a PTA sponsored event. The event can be held off campus but would be more expensive. Jason Sutter will discuss the possibility of the event being held on campus with his staff and will advise the PTA. Jason Sutter suggested that interested parents form a committee to discuss the matter with him and his staff.

At the next meeting, Dr. Carl Wong, Sonoma County Superintendent, will join us to discuss trends in education and budget considerations.

- XI. Adjourn – **ACTION**
Susan Cook motioned to adjourn and Christi Reynolds seconded the motion.

Next PTA Meeting: November 3, 2009

6:30 STAFF ROOM