

Holmes PTA Meeting

December 3, 2009

Present: Cathy Farman, Gene Ashdown, Christina Dicker, Julia Grim, Heather Wade, Nancy Williams, Joanna Littell, Derek Brothers, Shelley Bronzan, Rachel Aptekar, Paul Rooney, Debra Ariola, Jennifer Raven, Karen Loy, Lea Darrah, Anne Ternus-Bellamy

I. **Meeting called to order**

- Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Library

II. **Minutes from October 2009 PTA meeting**

- Nancy Williams moved to approve the minutes from the October 2009 PTA meeting; Christina Dicker seconded. Motion approved

III. **Treasurer's Report** – *Jennifer Raven*

- Jennifer moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 1 through Dec. 2. Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.

IV. **Counselor's Report** – *Joanna Littell*

- Joanna reported that things have been quiet and positive on campus with a lot of focus on assessment and testing right now. Safe Schools Ambassadors training went well.

V. **P.E. Department Report** – *Paul Rooney*

- Paul Rooney talked about Holmes' three-year comprehensive P.E. program, with curriculum linking all three years from volleyball to gymnastics and dance.
- He reported on the program at the high school, where students will need to fulfill one more year of P.E, and said more students are waiting until 11th or 12th grade to take the class, or skipping it entirely and getting credit for outside sports instead.
- Paul also commended Heather Wade for the lunchtime intramural program she runs.

VI. **Fund Request** – *Chad Prizmich*

- Da Vinci eighth-grader Chad Prizmich has organized an aviation club open to all junior high students. Meetings will be held at Da Vinci High School. Chad has asked each junior high PTA or PTO to contribute approximately \$280 to purchase a simulation kit. So far Emerson and Da Vinci have each purchased kits. Cathy Farman told Chad the PTA would vote on the request at the Jan. 28 meeting.

VII. **Toy Shop Report** – *Lance Gunnerson*

- Lance described preparations for the fourth annual Toy Shop. Students have doubled the number of trains they made last year. The trains will be given to 25 North Davis students in grades 1-3 who will be invited to the event. The Music, Art and Leadership departments have all helped out with the event, as has the PTA which contributed \$100 and provided volunteers.

VIII. **Teacher's Report** – *Heather Wade*

- Heather said teachers are thankful to the PTA, students and school staff. The recent concert went well and all is good.

IX. **Principal's Report** – *Derek Brothers*

- Derek said things are running smoothly at Holmes; concerts, field trips and after-school sports are all going well.
- Zangle is getting better and parentconnect should be returning soon, possibly by January. There will also be a student version, studentconnect.
- Budget discussions continue at the district level; 9th grade English classes could go from 20 to 28, but other than that, Holmes has already cut to the bone.

X. **Unfundraiser Report** – *Julia Grim for Carolee Gregg*

- As of Dec. 3, there were 122 contributions for a total of \$8,996 and donations are still coming in. Numbers are similar to last year at this time. Electronic thank yous are being sent out.
- Thirteen families made donations in the names of teachers.
- The Holmes office staff was exceptionally helpful with the unfundraiser.

XI. **Garden Report** – *Deb Ariola*

- Garden club is conducting a “holiday gram” fundraiser. Students can purchase certificates for goodie bags during lunch. The goodie bags can be picked up at the end of school.

XII. **Flu Shot Clinic** – *Lea Darrah*

- There will be a flu shot clinic at the high school on Dec. 16 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. It's sponsored by the national PTA and is open to anyone in the community.

XIII. **Saving California Communities** – *Daniel Sharpe*

- Sharpe described Saving California Communities as a group of local activists interested in doing something other than just watching California's budget process collapse. The group has two main proposals, one to change the current single-year state budget to a two-year budget, the other removing the 2/3 vote requirement for passing a budget.
- He came to the meeting to seek input from parents and teachers.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary