

Holmes PTA Meeting

November 20, 2008

Present: Cathy Farman, Shelley Bronzan, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Debra Ariola, Rob Egel, Lea Darrah, Jolanda Blackwell, Dianna Henrickson, Sandra Schickele, Sally Albertson, Alette Farrell, Joanna Littell, Sally Drexel, Jennifer Raven, Jan Blumenfeld, Derek Brothers, Rachel Aptekar, Heather Wade, Carolee Gregg, Soudabeh Nader

I. Meeting called to order

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Library
- ◆ Introductions conducted among those present

II. Minutes from October 2008 PTA meeting

- ◆ Rob Egel moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.

III. Treasurer's Report – *Jennifer Raven*

- ◆ Jennifer Raven moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 1- Nov. 20, 2008. Shelley Bronzan seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Health Teachers Presentation – *Dianna Henrickson and Jolanda Blackwell*

- ◆ Dianna Henrickson and Jolanda Blackwell reported that the new ninth-grade health course has gone quite well and the students have been very willing to listen and think about choices. The course is “Personal Wellness” and the curriculum covers diets, first aid, dating and breakups, tobacco and drugs and more. The health teachers thanked the PTA for purchasing materials for the course.

V. Counselor's Report – *Joanna Littell*

- ◆ Joanna Littell thanked the PTA for funding a grant last year for the hip hop club. She reported that the club this year has an instructor and even performed at halftime of the seventh-graders basketball game.
- ◆ AB 1802 meetings continue with all eighth-graders and their parents.
- ◆ AVID training is underway for next year.

VI. Teacher's Report – *Heather Wade*

- ◆ Heather Wade reported that the music teachers have been busy with performances; progress reports would be coming out following Thanksgiving Break.
- ◆ She requested notification of newsletter deadlines so teachers can submit articles.

VII. Principal's Report – *Derek Brothers*

- ◆ Derek Brothers reported that counselor Stella Lopez will be leaving for another job; until a replacement is hired, Ashley Nelson will serve as counselor for the seventh-graders; Joanna Littell for eighth-graders; and they will split the ninth-graders.
- ◆ Maintenance will be painting lockers over winter break and fixing/changing bad locks. Locker clean-outs will begin before break.
- ◆ The site plan should be ready for PTA review in January.

- ◆ Wednesday mornings at Nugget are better with fewer students showing up. Plans are underway for a Wednesday morning program/activity at Holmes beginning in the Spring.

VIII. **PTA Committee Reports**

- ◆ **Unfundraiser:** Carolee Gregg reported that the total number of families participating in the Unfundraiser and the dollar amount raised are both down from last year. She speculated that Measure W and the economy both may be factors. The deadline for contributions will be extended. The \$7,000 raised as of Nov. 20 would fund the seventh- and ninth-grade field trips, so planning will continue on both of those. Listserve reminders will be sent out, encouraging donations of any amount; thank yous will be delivered via email for those who agreed to it.
- ◆ **eScrip:** Lea Darrah reported for Sarah Rizzo that eScrip earnings for September were \$1,417, up from about \$700 in August; Savemart cards have arrived.
- ◆ **Directories:** Directories have been printed and distributed.
- ◆ **Climate Committee:** Sally Albertson reported on the school climate committee.

IX. **New Business**

- ◆ Cathy Farman reported that the new PTA bylaws require a Nov.-Dec. meeting, which would be satisfied by this meeting. There will be no December meeting.

XIII. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary