

Cumberland PTA Meeting
January 17, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Jeanette Krogstad. 15 people in attendance.

Ruth Helfinstein, on behalf of Kathleen Newby (recording secretary) presented the minutes of 11.15.05. A motion was presented by Laura Healy and seconded by Terri Bjornson. Parliamentary point was raised – minutes say that Jeanette made a motion. President cannot move or vote. Recollection of group was that actual motion was made by Laura Healy. Change was made and the minutes were voted approved.

The **Principal's Report** was presented by Mala Ahuja.

- Teacher Learning Day was jointly with all 25 Cherry Chase teachers.
- Today began after school intervention program. Six classes with grades 1-5.
- Technology plan is ongoing.
 - Wireless Hub installed in library this morning – thanks to Tom Spyrou!
 - Technology team is meeting on an ongoing basis.
 - Computer lab is up and running
- Had bullying/conflict resolution assembly for all grades.
- Conflict Mediator Program – 38 upper graders will get 6 hours of training.
- Noon League – Jeanette will give more detail later.

The **Teacher Report** was presented by Meredith Groff

Teachers incorporating Conflict Resolution/Bullying assembly into classrooms. Six teachers from Cumberland attended Asilomar Reading Conference over the weekend.

- K – Math: Numbers 6-10, Open Court: “Stick To It”, Penguins.
- 1 – Performance 1/19, Open Court: “Journeys”, teachers studying Six Traits.
- 2. – Open Court: “Camouflage”, Math: Time, or Geometry, Science: Rocks & Minerals or Forces of Motion, Presidents, Chinese New Year
- 3 – Division, Geometric Shapes, Poetry, Sound, Native Americans
- 4 – Open Court: “Mystery in Medicine”, long division/multiplication, “Jason project”: comparing geology of earth vs mars – going to NASA to see Jason Broadcast Missions.
- 5 – Periodic Table, North American early settlements, Sertoma “heritage” writing.

The **Treasurer's Reports** for October (revised), November and December were presented by Cathy Haynes.

- October error – correction of \$32 typo (we have \$32 more than the report said). New revised October report presented.
- November – balance at end \$165,405.17. Over our planned income by \$6587! Now the report shows budget with authorized changes taken into account on first page. Also added tracking of donations. Uncommitted funds are \$35,685. Added item for Klutz Prize donation (income and expense for Walkathon prizes).

- December – ending balance \$150,065.47. Science Camp Walker Earnings of \$7500 need to be taken into account in budget report – new line item (omitted during format change accidentally). Will vote later. Note that due to additional Walkathon funds still coming in, bottom line of uncommitted funds, etc doesn't look different even after the change. Also, line item increase for Cougar T-shirt pass through.

The **Budget Report** was presented by Ruth Helfinstein.

- Revise October Treasurer's Report to correct typo by \$32.

Moved: Valerie, Seconded: Sandi. **Approved**

- Add Line Item for Science Camp Walker Earnings (\$7500).

Moved: Sandi, Seconded: Valerie. **Approved**

- Add Line item for Klutz Walkathon Prize Donation (\$4098)

Moved: Lindsay, Seconded: Terri. **Approved**

- Increase T-Shirt line item by \$219

Moved: Valerie, Seconded: Laura **Approved**

- Increase Agenda Books line item by \$11.17

Moved: Terri, Seconded: Laura. **Approved**

- PTA Workers Comp Costs \$514.70

To provide PTA Contractors, Andy Morales and Lisa Atkins, with Workers Compensation insurance through the State PTA.

Moved: Debbie, Seconded Sandi. **Approved**

- State PTA Convention line item increase for airfare NTE \$450

Moved: Linda, Seconded Lindsay, **Approved**

- Mileage Club Supplies NTE \$200

Toe tokens, student cards, beaded chain awards for 4th/5th grade PE mileage club.

Moved: Debbie, Seconded Sandi. Discussion included proposal to include more grades next year – will be considered in April budget planning. **Approved**

- PE Binders for lower grade teachers, NTE \$1100

Additional copies of the Sparks PE curriculum binder (1 for each 1-3 teacher).

Moved: Debbie, Seconded Sandi. Discussion included suggestion to look into negotiating better pricing. **Approved.**

- PE Consultant for 1st Grade NTE \$1000

Lori Henderson to teach 30 minute sessions every other week with each 1st grade teacher (during regular PE with students). 10 sessions per teacher, using curriculum from Sparks.

Moved: Valerie, Seconded: Laura. LONG discussion of this motion (which was not approved by the budget committee). Motion amended by Debbie, Seconded Sandi to add the following: "maximum 4 sessions per any teacher, made available to all teachers in grades 1-3." Could be just 1st grade still, but would be just 4 sessions. Will offer to 2nd and 3rd again. Challenge is to figure out scheduling details. Valerie suggests that Lori

coordinate the scheduling. Much of discussion centers on issues of training (vs straight PE teaching). Lori should be focusing on training the teachers to make more effective use of their curriculum. PTA can monitor this – Valerie, as PE liaison offered to make sure this happens.

Approved (amended motion. hand count: 8 for, 4 against.)

- Rosetta Stone to teach Spanish to teachers

Moved: Laura, Seconded: Kathy. Withdrawn – Mala reports that there is money in the ELL funds to support this.

- Kung Fu Demonstration donation pass through \$500

Moved: Teri, Seconded: Linda. **Approved.**

The **School Board Reports for November and December** were presented by Ray Schryver, including report on the Design Team formed to consider proposals for spending of the \$6.385M settlement received by the Sunnyvale School District. Will invest the principal, proceeds going to school district. Design Team discussing details. Cumberland-wide meeting February 1 to discuss our school's ideas. Final recommendations will be presented to board in March.

The **School Board Report for January** was presented by Laura Healy. Cherry Chase made a presentation. They are applying for CA Distinguished School this year (schools apply every 3 years). 67% of their families are in the PTA. AR Readers get book charms. The Sunnyvale Education Foundation gave a presentation. At end of the meeting, a detail of some concern was discussed – new law regarding Revised Policy for Other Food Sales. Food Sales prohibited within 1 hour of school hours, and must meet nutritional guidelines. Could affect ice cream sales and Walkathon food. Discussion was tabled pending further research. Will watch it.

Linda Kamas reported on the Legislative Brown bag meeting – PTA serves every child. Bills pending (as of fall) for various things – military recruiters access to campuses, Parental involvement in Police interrogation of child, etc.

Noon League is a new program being developed, based on wonderful program from Saratoga. Lunch time, supervised, activities. Committee forms on 1/25. Come and help tailor program for Cumberland-specific needs!

Conflict Mediator Workshop 1/23 and 1/30 – RSVP if you want to attend (both sessions)

Sound System Help needed. Contact Jeanette if you can help figure out what kind of sound system we need – will get by with what we have for 1/19 performance, but need to address soon!

Student Council is looking for parent liaison.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

* Minutes prepared by Ruth Helfinstein for Kathleen Newby.