

Cumberland PTA Meeting February 14, 2006

Jeanette Krogstad called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Twenty-one people were in attendance.

Kathleen Newby presented the minutes of January 17th 2006. Cristina Schryver moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Officer Scott Mueting gave a presentation on keeping our children safe.

- Traffic Safety at school–The school was not built for traffic, but for walking children to school. Avoid illegal U-turns; there must not be a car within 200 feet of you. The white parking zone is for loading and unloading only. You may park and stay in the car, but you may not leave your car.
- Internet Safety–Did presentation to Sunnyvale Middle School (SMS). Recommends children stay off the online social network “my space.” He reports that it is a picnic ground for pedophiles posing as youngsters. Also cyber-bullying has become a problem.
- Officer Mueting does presentations to 2nd graders on fire safety, 5th graders on drug awareness, and 6th graders on internet safety.

Mala Ahuja presented the Principal’s Report.

- The District Office visits every classroom once a year and will give feedback tomorrow.
- The Technology Committee has proposed a grant to get more computers in the classroom.
- The Noon League Committee is planning to provide safe supervised options during lunch recess.
- The Safety Committee is working on a disaster preparedness plan. On March 1st the first code red drill will be run for emergency lockdown.

Selected students presented Grade-Level Reports.

- Kindergarten, Adam and Jessica–Math: shapes, Colors: red, white, and blue, penguins, preparing for Valentine’s Day.
- 1st Grade, Angel and Courtney– Math: money and time, Science: habitats, will visit Seymour Marine Lab, Reading: stories that encourage students to keep trying, Writing: practice; will celebrate President’s Day and Doctor Seuss’ birthday.
- 2nd Grade, Leon and Rhiana–Science: balance, motion, and rocks, Social Studies: Chinese New Year, presidents. Language Arts: finishing unit on animal camouflage, Grammar: subject, predicate, sentence structure, Art: making a Valentine for the people we love.
- 3rd Grade, Melody–Math: geometry, Music: learning recorder, Language Arts: cursive writing.
- 4th Grade, Rebecca, Mitchell, Donna, Jessica, Ankita, Celine–Science: calcite crystals, minerals study, Social Studies: missions, Olympics, Language Arts: stories, writing.

- 5th Grade, Emma, and Jonah–Language Arts: Mr. Kerr’s students were challenged to perform 10 random acts of kindness per day in the nine days before Valentine’s Day. Open Court: American Revolution, Writing: voice, ideas, organization, Math: fractions, percents, ratios, Science: studying Periodic Table, elements, solar system, Theatre Arts: improvisation, Citizenship: respect, manners.

Ruth Helfinstein, on behalf of Cathy Haynes (Treasurer), presented the Treasurer’s Report. The following figures are year-to-date as of January 1, 2006:

- Income \$219,380
- Expenditures/reserves \$78,756
- Income in excess of original plan \$28,225
- Uncommitted funds \$45,570

Ruth Helfinstein presented the Budget Report. The Budget Committee recommended the following requests for approval:

- Fund the Noon League coordinator position to start up and run a program during lunch recess two days a week from April through June. (\$2,000) Sandi Spires moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Equipment purchases to begin Noon League program. (\$3,000) Kathleen Newby moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Purchase of a new electric stapler, staples, and labels for collating. (\$150) Lindsay Jacobson moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Purchase of five field trip backpacks for teachers to check out and use on field trips. They will contain basic first aid and emergency supplies. (\$200) Sandi Spires moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Purchase of a popcorn machine for use at walkathon and family movie nights. (\$375) Ray Schryver moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Purchase 300 ice cream cups for Star Gazing & Ice Cream party. Extras can be used by ice cream sales. (\$162) Emily Mazzarino moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Re-start the family math program by hiring trained Family Math teacher from Fremont Union High School District and purchase new supplies. (\$200) Kathleen Newby moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jeanette Krogstad, on behalf of Debbie White (School Board Representative), presented her report.

- Dr. Rudnicki talked about the Board visits to all of the schools in the district.
- Frances Dampier, SMS Principal, gave a short presentation. Then selected members of the SMS instrumental music groups played several songs.
- Jeff Ainscow, President of the Sunnyvale Education Foundation spoke about a future program entitled Support Our Schools (SOS), in which Sunnyvale Auto Row and the Foundation provide funds directly back to Sunnyvale schools when automobiles are purchased from participating dealers.
- We need volunteers to attend board meetings and report back to the PTA membership. Contact Debbie White.

- Sandi Spires presented the Auditor's Report. She reported that the books were in order as of February 11, 2006. Ruth Helfinstein moved to approve the Auditor's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

The new Nominating Committee has formed to find people to serve as Executive Board officers and Committee Chairs during the 2006/2007 school year. Members are as follows:

- Ruth Helfinstein
- Yaulanda Spyrou
- Cathy Haynes
- Denielle Fussell
- Carolyne Wong
- Laura Healy

Sandi Spires moved to approve the current Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jeanette Krogstad reported on the subject of disaster preparedness. She referred attendees to the weekly newsletter for more information. Deb Morgan needs a volunteer to help. Contact her if you are interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.