

## **Cumberland PTA Meeting September 20, 2005**

President, Jeanette Krogstad, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Cumberland Multi-purpose room. She welcomed all attending and introduced the PTA Executive Board members for the 2005/2006 year, which are listed on page 18 of the *Cumberland PTA Handbook 2005-2006*.

Kathleen Newby, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes of August 16, 2005. Laura Healy moved to approve the August minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mala Ahuja, Principal, presented the Principal's Report. The following staffing changes and assignments have been made:

- Claudia Shukis will be leaving Cumberland to become the EL coach for Bishop and Lakewood schools.
- Cumberland's EL Action Team members are Schorre Philyaw and Shannon Svatek.

Mala Ahuja also shared the following information:

- The student of the month assembly will be postponed until October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Full-day Kindergarten will begin October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On the Teacher Learning Day of September 13<sup>th</sup>, teachers studied data collected during testing to help with planning for their students.
- AMD is providing funding for El Camino Hospital to offer training in nutrition to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Meredith Groff presented the Teachers' Report. She thanked the PTA for the staff luncheon and the new Kindergarten parent meeting. She reported that the class baskets for Walkathon were coming together and that the Hurricane fundraiser is going well.

Debbie White presented the School Board Report. Highlights of the report included:

- September 1<sup>st</sup>—The Sunnyvale School District (SSD) must approve a budget within 45 days after the final state budget is completed. The final budget is anticipated in December 2005. SSD is no longer deficit spending and has a slight surplus.
- September 15<sup>th</sup>—A “design team” is being formed to develop a process for stakeholders to be informed and provide recommendations to the Board of Education on how to spend \$6.385 million of one-time money. There are two open spots for members of the parent community to participate. Enrollment is up 1% district-wide. A district-wide STAR report indicated slight improvements in English scores and a slight decrease in Math scores over the last two years. The SSD will analyze the data for trends.

Debbie White will be coordinating volunteer PTA members to attend the meetings and report back to the general membership. School Board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. and run about 45 minutes.

Cathy Haynes, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and showed how the format of the report has been revised. As of 7/31/05 there was an ending balance of \$100,461.64. We are starting with a reserve of \$16,637 to start the year with before Walkathon monies become available. The plan for the 2005/2006 school year will be to have \$43,473 in uncommitted funds.

Ruth Helfinstein, Vice President, presented the Budget Report. She receives requests regarding how to spend unencumbered funds. The following budget requests were approved:

- Reimburse Shelly Fagan for Teacher Grant Expenses \$76. Christina Schryver moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Purchase of boom boxes for teachers who do not currently have working boom boxes in their classrooms, Miss Chow, Mrs. Lermant, and Mrs. Philyaw. Money was also approved for a 4<sup>th</sup> boom box in case another is needed at a later time, not to exceed (NTE) \$175. Sandi Spires moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.
- In 2003 the PTA purchased listening centers (jack boxes and headphones) for most classes. Some classes do not currently have them. A survey taken of all teachers showed that 3 listening centers are needed. These can be purchased for \$75 + tax each NTE \$250. Lindsay Jacobson moved to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.

Laura Healy, Parliamentarian, will chair a committee to review our bylaws for approval by the state PTA. Review of the bylaws must be done periodically. One to three people are needed and meetings will begin in November. Let Laura Healy know if you are interested in being on the committee.

Molly Anderson, PTA Membership Chair, reported that there are currently 247 members in the Cumberland PTA.

Linda Kamas, EScrip Chair brought to our attention that information on how to sign up for EScrip coming out in our weekly packet. She asked that anyone needing information or help in registering themselves should contact her directly.

Valerie Spierling, Walkathon Chair, reminded us that Walkathon is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional cashiers and barbecuers are needed. The entertainment booth also needs more helpers.

Laura Healy encouraged members to donate items for the silent and live auctions. Some ideas for donations include home tours, tickets to Disneyland, wine baskets, or tickets for shows. Learning Express dollars will be on sale and will give Cumberland a 20% discount.

Jeanette Krogstad made the following announcements:

- Coins for Katrina is a fundraiser in which Cumberland students are encouraged to earn money doing chores to donate to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donations will be collected through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- The California State PTA rarely takes political stands, but they are encouraging voters to defeat proposition 76 during the special November 8<sup>th</sup> election. Passage of 76 would undo the effects of the voter-supported proposition 98. It would allow the schools not to be repaid the 1.8 billion that was owed the schools.
- On October 8<sup>th</sup> there will be PTA officer training available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.