

**Sunnyvale Middle School PTSA**  
**Minutes of the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting**

**Attendees:** Patti McGuffin, Candy Halbig, Stacey Niblett, Kristine Lawrence, Julie Rippentrop, Marti Coppage, Prasaël Utturken(sp?), Patrice Sera Freckmann, Steven Bi, Jim Realini, Marianne Kruze, Ara Tanajian, Sarah Steiner, Julie Ludwig, Racagl Sabu(sp?), Sabu Abraham, Jill Baigent, Scott Lawrence, Kyle Lawrence, Kevin Schieberl, Diane Cressler, Sanika, Julie Kilpatrick, Frances Dampier

**I. Call To Order: Vice President, Candy Halbig opened the meeting at 7:04 P.M.**

**II. SMS Leadership: Report given by Student Steven Bi**

\*The following activities were organized and carried out by the Leadership Team

- Red Ribbon Week
- Renaissance
- Inter-Mural Volleyball

**III. Guest Speakers: The SMS Electives Department**

**1. Kevin Schieberl:** Mr. Schieberl has added a choir this year! He led his choir with his piano playing while the Kids sang beautifully!

**2. Sara Steiner: Topics mentioned:**

- New murals on the campus - the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing
- San Jose Museum of Art
- Collaborative projects between Ceramics and Craft and Design

**3. Ari Tanajian: Commerical Art**

- Sculptures made by students are on display
- Creating a chessboard - Chess pieces to go with the theme

**4. Julie Ludwig:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade wheel
- made piñatas!

**5. Maryanne Kruze: Computers and Yearbook**

- Thanked AMD for donating computers and software for the lab
- Thanked PTSA for donating 15,000.00 towards the two labs
- Teaching students computer programs by having them make cartoons that talk - working with graphing
- Yearbooks are now able to be created online now that the computers and software are updated!

**IV. Principal's Report: Frances Dampier**

\*Went over what the staff was learning during their Staff Development Training  
-Program called: WICR which stands for Writing, Inquiring, Collaborating, Reading.

**V. Teacher's Report: Marti Coppage**

- \*Piloting a Standards based report card with a few 6<sup>th</sup> grade students this year.**
- \*Possibility making the new Standards based report cards school wide the following yr.
- \*Using assessments as a tool to help the students build their knowledge as a gradual step rather than trying to help the students 'after the fact'. Trying to help catch the students weak points before report cards so they can build from where they need help immediately.

#### **VI. Previous Minutes: Julie Kilpatrick**

- \*No changes made

#### **VII. Treasurer Report: Diane Cressler**

- \*Mr. Realini made a motion to accept the treasurer report, Stacey Niblett gave it a 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, All in favor, **Report was passed.**
- \***Direct Appeal:** Not as grim as projected last meeting! We have now made over 12,000.00 in this years appeal.
- \***319 members now are in SMS PTSA**
- \***Teacher's ARE using their stipends ☺**

#### **VIII. Old Business: No Discussion**

#### **VIII. New Business**

- \***Direct Appeal:** Stacey Niblett strongly suggests that the PTSA break up the work load of the Direct Appeal such directory, membership cards, advertise and publish. (Possibly start this job recruiting in the Spring). Also, send out a letter in June rather then wait until August or September.

- \***Next Month Agenda Item Request:**

A Parent of a Special Ed Student would like to speak for 10 minutes on Peer Awareness: More Awareness

- \***Scrip Paper Orders: Diane Cressler**

Due Friday, 11/16. Form available on PTSA Website

- \***Budget Requests:**

- 1) Mr. Roberts (Science, Miniature Club)** has a request for \$320.00 for the miniature club - request issues of Pirates cards for use in miniature club. Marti Coppage moved to approve, Jill Baigent gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion, All in Favor - motion approved.
- 2) First Aid Supplies for After School Activities.** Ms. Dampier took care of the first season sports. A \$250.00 proposed budget request made for the future seasons. Frances Dampier made a motion for the \$250.00 request, Diane Cressler gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>, No discussion, All were in favor, Motion Approved.

#### **XI. Meeting Closed. Next Meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Julie Kilpatrick