

Sunnyvale Middle School PTSA

Minutes from March 4th Meeting

Attendees: Julie Kilpatrick, Mira Dabrowski, Laura Healy, Stacey Niblett, Linda Slavich, Marti Coppage, Diane Cressler, Jill Baigent, Candy Halbig, Frances Dampier, Susie Lamarche.

I. Call To Order: President Susie Lamarche called meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

II. SMS Leadership: Richard Gonzalez reported that the Sports Commission has been very busy with lunch time activities (examples: soccer and capture the flag). Also much success with 8th grade basketball team and other team sports for our 6th/7th grade teams.

Next dance is in April.

Renaissance for 2nd quarter will be a carnival theme.

III. Guest Speaker(s): (A) Paula Bassett from Homestead High School and (B) Ms. Cameron Oates' update on standards-based report cards

(A): Paula Bassett (HHS):

*HHS is getting 8th grade students ready for the transition to High School life.

*spoke to us on what HHS faculty talked/showed/educated the 8th grade students when they were here regarding electives at HHS.

*4 of the 6 classes for incoming 9th graders are selected for them and do have 2 - 3 electives

*course selection for incoming 9th graders will be on March 17th.

*go to the HHS website for more info: www.hhs.fuhsd.org

*Homestead guarantees 6 classes per day but offer 7 classes. Because HHS is very full, getting the 7 classes is not as likely.

(B): Cameron Oates:

*there is a Standards Based Report Card committee (SBRC) at SMS.

*there are a few students in the 6th grade that they are testing the model on.

*the Standards Based Report Card will be a better gauge of where students are strongest and weakest in subjects that way teachers/students/parents will know exactly where a child needs help BEFORE they get behind or lost in the subject.

*working with a hybrid model

*very detailed discussion and more information will be available in time.

(NOTE): *Because of the time taken with the Guest Speakers, some of the topics were cut short or scheduled for the next meeting on April 1st.*

IV. Principal's Report: Frances Dampier

*attended a Middle School Conference which had some great collaborating going on!

V. Teacher's Report: Marti Coppage

*progress reports going home this week.

VI. Review Previous Minutes: Julie Kilpatrick

a) December, 2007

b) February, 2008

** skipped over for next month **

VII. Treasurer Report: Diane Cressler

* expenses were reviewed and member, Candy Halbig moved to ratify expenses where member

Laura Healy gave it a 2nd, no discussion, all in favor, passed.

***New Budget Request(s):** each was discussed individually and voted on individually as well. *Because the school budget (district wide) will be in bad shape for next school year, careful consideration was made so as to make sure any PTSA money used would help benefit the majority of the students at SMS.*

1)New Girls Volleyball Uniforms: much discussion on this request. More information needed on specific costs is needed. Candy Halbig made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting, Julie Kilpatrick gave it a 2nd, no discussion, all in favor, passed.

2)Grief Counseling: It has come to our attention that several students here at SMS have lost a parent this year. The concern is that they need someone to help them work through this very difficult time. Again, much discussion was made on this topic. Because this a multi-faceted issue Frances Dampier has asked that this topic be referred to her to take care of specifically. Frances Dampier proposed that this be taken and given over to her, Stacey Niblett gave it a 2nd, no further discussion, all in favor, passed.

3)Support for School Clubs: Diane Cressler proposed that the PTSA "allocate up to \$2000 in support of School Clubs. Ms. Dampier would be able to use this money, at her discretion, to provide teachers a monetary "token of appreciation" for volunteering their time to run school clubs, particularly at lunchtime when kids need more good choices of what to do with themselves." A 2nd was made by Marti Coppage, no further discussion, all in favor, passed.

4)Overhead Graphing Calculator for Math Classes: Only one is needed to share among the Math teachers. Marti Coppage made a motion that the PTSA purchases one overhead graphing calculator, Julie Kilpatrick gave it a 2nd, no discussion, all in favor, passed.

VIII. Old Business:

1) Direct Appeals Coordinator

2) Nominating Committee for next year's officers

3) 8th grade Graduation Committee

***** tabled until next meeting *****

VIII. New/Other Business

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X. Meeting Closed at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Julie Kilpatrick