

Edna Maguire School PTA Meeting Minutes
Association and Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 8:40am-10am

Attendance: Deb Luster, Katrina Kehl, Valerie Wynn, Nandita Stachon, Margaret Krivochko, Leslie Lewczyk, Janet Fox, Anne Fretes, Bruce Berlinger, Suzanne Alpert, Lisa Zimmer, Judy Sherman, Dan Kelly, Mari Allen

1. Call to Order (8:40pm)
2. Reading & Approval of Minutes from February 10th, 2009 Association and Executive Board meeting.
 - a. Motion to approve 2/10/09 minutes by Val Wynn .
 - b. Motion seconded by Bruce Berlinger.
 - c. 2/10/09 Minutes are approved.
3. Treasurers Report - Suzanne Alpert
 - a. List of checks 2782-2791 to be approved. Valerie Wynn moved to approved checks, Deb Luster seconded. Checks approved.
 - b. Sees Candy check written from last year.
 - c. Slowly moving to Tam Bank from Bank of America so you will see \$184,237.78 at beginning of month
4. Co-Presidents' Report and Discussion
 - a. Approval of Nominating Committee: Madame Valerie Wynn, Mari Allen, Karen Olson, Sterling Somers, Deborah Carney. Deb Luster motioned, Anne Fretes seconded and it was approved.
 - b. Updates: New Family Liaison-Deb Meagher had suggestions for new families coming into Edna. Karen Carr stepped forward as a new family liaison. New Family Potluck will occur in August. Deb Meagher will put together a new buddy program for new families in 1-5th grade. At first day coffee we will have a New Family Table. PTA Meeting on Back To School Night will be a PTA meet-and-greet instead of a meeting. Curbside New Family booth for the first day of school. Anne Fretes brought up an English as second language for first day packet paperwork to set up buddies for. Lisa will look into it.
 - c. Communications—Mike Bishop is creating a program for compiling email data for our communications. Linda Dunne is sending out a survey for the Pony to see who is reading it and how it can become more helpful. Homepage will be updated thanks to Julie McCrady. Jason Snell has been helping teachers with their online newsletters and blogs and upgrading websites. Parent community needs reminding on the teachers' newsletters. Also we are adding a volunteer

- opportunity page in our website. One Stop will be in First Day packets and a volunteer section of the website.
- d. Community Service with Homeward Bound. All volunteers came within an hour of the posting in Pony. Debbie Walsh and Erin Griffiths are spearheading and providing complete meals once a month to 20 people living in transitional housing. Main course with protein, a salad, French bread and leftover fruit and milk from lunch program. PTA is underwriting this program.
 - e. Amazon Rewards program: Brought in \$375 over Winter break just for holiday gifts. Load it into your browser and it will work.
 - f. Family Dance: Very successful with \$1,500 will go to a small town in Ethiopia and to their school their. The bands Close Enough and the band formerly known as Chasing Maya and the Jonas Sisters were all amazing!

5. Principal's Update.

- a. This week is Administrators Week and Michelle Zimmer and a group of volunteers have put together a great appreciation for Lisa.
- b. The new computer carts are now in. We have a 20 laptop cart for 3rd and 30 cart for 4th and 5th grades to share. Michael Stachon to put together a staff training. Lisa thanked the PTA for the carts. 1-3rd grade $\frac{1}{2}$ class at a time. Kindergarten now works in library. Kindergarten would like carts as a part of Centers. Need to replace many in-class computer workstations. Would like to have two computers workstations per class.
- c. Nutrition Committee brought in healthy snacks for Valentine's Day—Lisa thanked Margaret Schultz.
- d. Jackie Lalanne won the Golden Bell Award for 2009.
- e. Looking at feasibility study on Garden Shade structure. We are looking at what all the real costs are. Tim Ryan from the MVSD is involved in the process.
- f. Yearbook theme is 'Celebrating the Arts". Yearbook sales are down. Each child is doing 5X5 piece of art for the Yearbook. Need to publicize what the theme is to get more people to buy yearbooks. Our goal is to get everyone one because kids' artwork will be pasted in.
- g. Dr. Seuss Café is this week and it is very good.
- h. Site Council took a field trip to Basich School to look at parking line since our parking isn't working very well.

6. Vice Presidents' Updates

- a. VP Student Well-Being, Anne Fretes—Jody Branham asked that Variety Show proceedings go to the multi and the Marin Theatre Company did the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe for our school. Lice check comes up end of March and Joe Locke is working with that. Margaret Shultz is working on Nutrition and Wellness. Safe Routes to School will be working with 2nd-5th grades and 1st grade at teachers' option. Discussed tunnel that is being looked at for biking.

- Biker community is very organized. Meeting tonight about this with federal money. Very charged topic.
- b. VP Programs, Janet Fox. Totals on See Candy \$2,827.00 profit. Great! Spring Faire is coming up with old fashioned games and a bake off with a celebrity judge. Homegrown hometown faire with student crafts.
 - c. VP Site Enhancement, Bruce Berlinger. Volunteer Clean-up day -Return from Spring Break. April 19th Sunday from 10-2pm. Spruce with Bruce! Bruce will consider being on Site Council. Garden Work Day this Saturday.
 - d. VP Fundraising, Stacey Ciauri—absent
 - e. VP School Community, Margaret Krivoruchko - Donuts With Dad is March 19th.
7. Teacher Liaison Report—Teacher's loved the Marin Theatre Company production and it helped the teacher's teach to creativity. Dr. Seuss Café has been very fun for the kids.
8. Garden Report—Small Sheds Flat Breads...testing out a composting program with them. Edna work to take compost from Small Sheds and they will purchase produce in the fall.
9. Kiddo! Report—Dan Kelly. The KIDDO Art Show is up at the Community Center. Money from the gala can go to endowment or to fill in the funding gaps. KIDDO! needs more funding flexibility. Need volunteers to work the Gala. 260 tickets sold so far. May 1 KIDDO fundraising kick off. KIDDO Giants game on May 17th.
10. Announcements
- a. Dr. Seuss Reading Café, 3/2- 3/6
 - b. Lifeskills Assembly, 3/5 at 11:15
 - c. Garden Workday-2nd grade hosts - 3/7
 - d. MVSD Board Meeting, 3/11, 6pm
 - e. Donuts with Dad 3/19
 - f. No School 3/20- Staff Development Day
 - g. MVSD Board Meeting - Study Session, Budget & Finance, 3/25, 6pm
 - h. Lice Check 3/27