

# Mission Valley School Association

## Minutes

February 12, 2013

**Attendance:** Catherine Phan Dang, Shirin Aidun, Chris Nagata, Michele Berke, Theresa Bettencourt, Alisa Ho, Ashok Agrawal, Genevieve Randoph, Trish Cowan, David Lee, Amit Tewari, Shubhra Gupta

1. The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Phan Dang at 7:07.

2. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

**3. Issues to Track:**

- a. MVSA Board Nominations and replacements are needed for next year. ( President, Vice President, Treasurers, and Recording Secretary)
- b. Do we need to update by-laws language regarding membership? –It was decided that we change the language on the form we hand out at the beginning of the year. Remove the word membership and change to donation. It was also suggested we list all the ways the donations support school activities, computer lab updates, technology updates (document cameras and projectors, teacher laptops) classroom celebrations etc. It was agreed not to change bylaws, because the board will be in transition.
- c. We took a look at the donation form Weibel uses.
- d. Fundraising and donation planning is needed- It is not going well at this point.

**4. Principal Report**

- a) Spelling Bee Winner from our school is Ru Kapur. She came in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the District and will be representing FUSD in the County competition.
- b) Student Council will have a Spirit Day on Valentine’s Day. Wear red, pink and white on that day.
- c) School is not in session February 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d) There are two basketball games left and the Tournament on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- e) Third Grade Gate testing is February 25th. Parents may opt out for their children if they wish.
- f) The STAR Writing test for the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders is on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Teachers’ Report**

- a) Ms. Aidun checked with the two teachers regarding Accelerated Reading donations. It was reported that the funds had already been collected and turned in to MVSA.
- b) Teachers were wondering about Classroom Celebrations and if there was anything planned for Valentine’s Day. A discussion was held and it was decided that it is a huge job for any one or two parents to handle. We are having challenges recruiting volunteers this year so a decision was made to let teachers know that MVSA will reimburse each teacher \$1.00 per student. Teachers can decide individually or by grade level how to “celebrate” Valentine’s Day and will purchase items themselves.

**6. Progress and Updates**

**a) Technical Committee**

- i. MailChimp: managed by Chris Nagata (Filiz Crocker is back up.)
- ii. Website
  - Tech Lead is Catherine Wolf (Amit Tewari is back up)
  - Content Editor is Chris Nagata (Raji is backup)
  - Domain ownership is Amit Tewari (Chris Nagata and Paul Rogers have full access)
- iii. MVSA email accounts and mailing lists:

- Amit Tewari and Chris Nagata have full access to mvsa-fremont.org mail account and list (possibly with Paul Rogers)
  - iv. **MVSA Network:** mostly by District, Amit Tewari and Paul Rogers may be available as backup. All school is Wi-Fi connected. District installed it but MVSA can help out.
  - v. **Desktop Support:** manage by District, cc: Chris Nagata
  - b. PayPal account:** managed by Ashok Agrawal as primary, Catherine Wolf as backup. (The account is set up now and can take donations.)
  - c. Family Movie Night** -Chairpersons Shubhra Gupta and Theresa Bettencourt requested funds not to exceed \$500.00 to plan and present a Family Movie Night on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00. Popcorn and water and maybe some candy bars or ice cream may be sold. This is still in planning stages. After a brief discussion, funds were approved.
  - d. Science Night-** The idea of a Science Night for students and parents was discussed. More information is needed before a decision can be made.
  - e. Safety Committee-FUSD**
    - Peephole: on District agenda for review/vote this Wednesday 2/13/13
    - Webcam option: Cost is upwards of \$50,000 to install professionally. However, District will need to provide guidance on privacy issues first. This idea was tabled.
  - f. Fence update from Principal Randolph-**Votes from the survey have been tallied. There were 200 in favor and 52 opposed. There was much discussion about the survey, as it went out to all students, and should have gone out one to a family. Teachers and school staff was not surveyed originally. It was also asked what would happen if organizers did not raise enough money to fund the fence. MVSA is not willing to financially support the fence project. Organizers must present contractors' plans and funding sources to the District, if the proposal reaches the submission point.
- 7. Budget and Treasurers' Report-** We did not review or vote on approving the Treasurers' Report.

*The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p. m. The next meeting is March 12, 2013 at 7:00.*

Respectfully submitted,

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