

Mission Valley School Association

Minutes

October 9, 2012

Attendance: Trish Cowan, Genevieve Randolph, Theresa Bettencourt, Amit Tewari, Shirin Aidun, Asra Ahmed, Suzanne Yost-Ackerman, Catherine Phan Dang, Filiz Crocker, Chris Nagata, Pooja Kopuar, Ashok Agrawal, Michele Berke, Virginia Hom, Sulman Gill, Lisa Gentry

1. The meeting was called to order by President Theresa Bettencourt at 7:00.
2. The minutes from the September 11th meeting were approved.
3. **Budget Report-** Filiz Crocker presented the attached budget that was approved last month.
4. **Treasurer's Report-** Ashok Agrawal presented the attached treasurer's report. It was reviewed and approved.
5. **Principal's Report**
 - a. Ms. Randolph reported that Kara Madden--- has been hired as our new school secretary.
 - b. She thanked MVSA for the document cameras, projectors and carts. They have been distributed to the classrooms. She also thanked Chris Nagata and her crew for making this happen quickly and efficiently.
 - c. Ms. Randolph reported that Mr. Paul Rogers was continuing to work on a plan to help improve the parking lot situation before and after school. It seems to be improving somewhat. Our focus is on the safety of the children.
 - d. Ms. Randolph apologized for not having a copy of a student planner to share.
6. **Teachers' Report**
 - a. On behalf of the teachers, Ms. Aidun also thanked the MVSA for the new document cameras and carts. She also mentioned that training was held after school one day and was well attended by staff members.
 - b. Also, on behalf of the teachers, Ms. Aidun thanked the MVSA for the gift cards that are to be distributed to staff members
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Committee Chairs-**Still need chairpersons for E-Scrip, F.A.M.E., Letter Reward Picnic and Sixth Grade Promotion Picnic
 - b. **Committee Reports:**

Membership-Filiz Crocker reported that the MVSA Membership funds were way down so far this year. The contest ends on October 12th. It was suggested that we continue to send home additional fliers to try to increase membership. It was pointed out that not having a Membership Chairperson at the beginning of the year has really affected our budget and membership. There was a long discussion on how to reach families by email. Once parents join and give their email address it is not a problem. Ms. Cowan suggested that a flier be emailed to teachers and ask that each teacher send the membership flier home via email to the parent's email addresses that they have. Parents thought it might be more effective coming from the teachers. This method of reaching parent s would only be used once a year during the membership drive, provided teachers agree.

c. Carnival –The Halloween Carnival will be held at Mission San Jose Elementary School on Saturday, October 27th from 11:00 to 3:00. We are in charge of the food and the prize booth. Lisa Gentry, the chairperson, has booked 5-6 Food Trucks run by the Food Truck Mafia. They have done several

Fundraisers at schools in Fremont and are licensed by the Health Department. There is no minimum purchase and we receive 20% of the sales. Lisa said she will be purchasing water for volunteers and wristbands for crossing guards. There will be advanced Ticket Sales and jobs will be assigned at the Thursday night meetings that are being held.

d. Yearbook-A yearbook meeting was held prior to our meeting tonight. Chris Nagata and Shirin Aidun were passing on information from past years to the new chairperson_____.

e Science .Camp-The science camp fundraiser is over.

f. F.A.M.E. –A meeting is scheduled for October 11th.

g. Classroom Celebrations-There was a discussion about how to handle classroom celebrations. Many of our students are allergic to ingredients found in many of the treats. There was also talk about the rise in childhood obesity. Ms. Randolph planned to meet with the chairperson, Asra Ahmed to discuss new options for celebrations.

h. Hospitality- November parent/teacher conference luncheon- Conferences are being November 13, 14, 15 and 16th. Students are dismissed at 1:10 each day that week. The luncheon that has been scheduled in the past may not work this year. Other options were discussed.

Updates:

a. Accelerated Reader- The site is waiting for district to move forward. The company is giving us a discount and and waving the annual \$5.00 per student fee. Upper Grade teachers are starting to use it and Ms. Nagata has been helping to get the ball rolling.

b. Weekly Readers- Ms. Cowan has been communicating with Scholastic and has updated our order to reflect our current student body needs.

c. Classroom Donations- Ashok will order the gift cards this week.

New Information- Voting Items:

a. Grade Level Funding- There was a discussion around creating a line item for grade level funds. Often there is a program, a piece of equipment, or materials that are grade level specific and it would be nice to be able to purchase these items, and not have the funds come out of classroom accounts.

b. Scripps National Spelling Bee (4th-6th grades) – A parent asked the MVSA to fund the Sponsorship Fee of \$115.00 in order to support students from Mission Valley who may go beyond the County contest. FUSD funds up to the County Level only. A motion was made in favor of funding the sponsorship .It was seconded and the motion carried.

c. 6th Grade Math Contest- it was asked that the MVSA cover classroom fees and that students could complete some of the tasks in the computer lab.

d. MVSA New Idea Template- President Bettencourt has worked on creating template that people with new ideas could fill out before presenting to the MVSA .

e. MVSA “Google Group”--1) informational 2) conversational. We are trying to reach as many parents as possible. Once parents join and give provide their email addresses they will be added to the Group.

8. Questions and Answers- No questions were posed.

The Next MVSA Meeting is November 13.

Note: President Bettencourt will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment –bylaws will state who shall run the meeting in November.

Respectfully submitted,

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