

EL PORTAL SCHOOL PTG MEETING

August 28, 2007 Minutes

Meeting called to order by Cindy Medema at 3:15 p.m.

- I. Attendance: Phyllis Weber, Cindy Medema, Andrea Canapary, Hugh Sakols, Dan Moore, Allison Bown, Barb Armon, Michelle Levine, Ingelise Guy, Sally Owens, Laurie Williams.
- II. Treasurer's report read and approved (Andrea.)
 - a. Yosemite motels to donate over \$5000 for El Portal aide salaries/ library improvements.
 - b. DNC donated \$5000 (\$1000 more than last year) plus raffle prizes, dinners, ski days etc.
 - c. Some funds expected from Title One and Economic Impact Aid.
 - d. Current total extra PTG funds are \$57,323 (revisions pending)
 - e. Grants from surplus rather than budget changes will be used for additional budget needs.
- III. Playground equipment/ Park grant/ Aide Pay
 - a. PTG approved the following motions: Funding for playground equipment up to \$17,000.
 - b. PTG will fund aide costs remaining after the NPS grant money and the categorized funds are spent. (See handout for details)
 - c. Barb Armon will head a committee requesting the district pay for 1-2 bilingual aides from their general fund. District meeting scheduled for September 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa school district office. Public can request agenda items for next meeting. More information will be printed in the bulletin.
 - d. The district has approved the installation of the rock-climbing wall. (Federal land / district owns school.) Dimensions are 8ft tall and able to hold 25 children.
- IV. Field trips
 - a. PTG approved up to \$5000 for 4th-6th grade Coloma Outdoor School field trip (motion Cindy)
 - b. Sources include \$950 from last year's budget unspent/ \$2000 from the Woo foundation/ \$500 from current field trip budget. Remaining \$1175 will come from general fund.
 - c. Actual cost is \$185 per student/ \$35 per chaperone. Cost covers food, accommodations, and naturalist training. Seeking to enlist 5 chaperones (one bilingual) and 1 teacher. Scheduled for the weekend of October 17th-19th. Hugh will ask parents to pay for part of the cost.
 - d. Tentative plans for an overnight field trip to Crane Flat in February funded by Y.I. outreach.
- V. Music
 - a. Gail Dreifus will teach keyboarding and chorus.
 - b. \$400 approved for keyboarding books (motion Cindy)
 - c. Andrea will teach the Orff program every Tuesday.
- VI. Fundraisers
 - a. Swimathon- September 7th
 - b. Film Festival- October 26th Ron Kauk to participate.
 - c. Ingelise Guy will assist in selling tickets through the lodges with possible raffle of artwork/ photography. Tickets \$5 each with winners announced at Winter Program. Prizes include Badger Pass freebies and free dinners from DNC.
- VII. Parent Involvement
 - a. Cindy will develop questionnaires to initiate feedback from parents
 - b. Additional plan to inform parents about meetings via email/ bulletin/ classroom visits on Back to School night.
 - c. Phyllis will send information to Barb Armon to distribute to parents
 - d. Family Fun Nights: possible events include Science night, Math night, Dance night.
- VIII. New business
 - a. September 5th – Back to School night beginning at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be held September 18, 2007. 3:15

