

BAYWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA - BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by President Vicki Marchenko.

In attendance: Vicki Marchenko, Bea Jansen, Kitty Francis, Camille Silva, Tiffany Edmonds, Rose de Haro, Claudia Ferriday, Debra Lay, Doug Jenison, Jeff Jacobs, Jean Usilton, Cammi Richardson, Sally Unks, John Lindsey.

Vicki noted that a Quorum was present.

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Kitty read a summary of the April 16 Minutes. (Minutes were also posted at school and emailed in advance of the meeting). MOTION: Rose motioned to approve the April Minutes. The motion carried and was approved.

II. President's Report: (Vicki)

PG&E Fundraiser:

Vicki introduced Baywood parent and PG&E Meteorologist, John Lindsey. John spoke about:

- PG&E CARE Program - Reduced rates for lower income families. He will leave pamphlets for school to distribute.
- Ways to cut the school utility bill. Doug says there is a District wide incentive program for reducing energy use, with kickbacks going to the school, so John's help and information will be useful.
- Solar Schools - PG&E Seminar to train teachers about solar education in classroom. PG&E pays costs for teacher to attend seminar and grants the school a one kw solar panel, enough to power one classroom. Grants also available. \$25.8 million in grants to public school programs. Oceano schools have recently received \$25k to build and use solar cookers.
- Community Involvement Program - PG&E matches individual employee donations to non-profits, including schools. Additionally, if 4 PG&E employees donate 4 hours each to a community project, PG&E will give \$1,000 towards project, and possibly donate materials. PG&E has a website where our school can post volunteer jobs so employees can read and learn about what's needed. John is not sure if the \$1,000 goes directly to school or to school district - he will research this.

Playground Project Update:

Vicki introduced Baywood parent and coordinator of Playground Committee, Jeff Jacobs. Main points of discussion:

- 2 new playgrounds will be installed at Baywood this year. One in main area, the other in the Kindergarten yard. All old equipment will be removed, and donated for re-use when possible. Installation will begin this summer and will be ready by beginning of 08/09 school year.

- The committee decided that even though the cost would be much greater, our new playgrounds will not only meet ADA requirements for access, but will be designed for Universal access, meaning actual use. Will be a community playground.
- Breakdown of costs, donations and money needed:
 - \$108,000 - Total cost for both play spaces
 - 60,000 - from District
 - 15,000 - gift from PTA
 - \$ 33,000 - Balance needed to raise.
- Majority of balance will come from brick pavers to be sold for \$50 and \$100 each. Fundraiser will be announced at Open House and also in newspaper ads. Cornerstones may be available for \$1,000 each. Committee expects at least \$15,000 to be raised. Number of letters per brick is not yet determined.
- Order needs to be placed May 15 to receive discount. Will take 6 weeks to deliver. To place order on time, Doug asked the District for a \$30,000 loan. District has agreed to make the loan on the condition that it be repaid by the end of the 08/09 school year (June 2009). Doug asked for help from the PTA to do this. MOTION: Doug motioned that the PTA pay back the \$30,000 loan for the playground to the District by June 2009, and the playground committee continue extra fundraising efforts until the goal is met. Camille seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.
- Other funds: The committee applied for a grant from the Sense Foundation. No specific amount was requested, but a \$15,000 shortfall was stated. They may send us a check. The committee will also ask the Bay Theater if they will host a matinee fundraiser. A website for the playgrounds will be created by Jeremy Bates: www.baywoodplayground.com. It will show designs, progress, request donations. Bea and Sally will talk and work out a system for counting money as it comes in.
- As for other fundraisers, Debra cautioned that 6th grade parents are needed specifically for Camp Ocean Pines fundraising, and that they not become targeted for over-use and burn-out for playground fundraising at the expense of the 6th grade camp.
- The main playground will be dedicated to Val Ayers. A plaque will be installed. Her family also wants to make a donation to the playground.

PTA Convention :

Rose and Camille recently attended the State PTA Convention. They were pumped up by power of PTA. California currently ranks 47th out of 50 states in spending per student. With new budget cuts expected to increase to \$6.5 billion, we will be ranked last. 107,000 Calif. teachers are expected to be laid off, arts will suffer, and additional cuts to health care programs will increase student absenteeism and sickness. The State PTA approved 4 Resolutions:

1. HIV/STD Education. Information and educational materials to be available to school PTAs

2. Include non-public schools in Megan's Law (sex offender) Database.
3. A state wide data grade tracking system K-12 to keep track of each student's progress.
4. Sate Routes To School program

Additionally, Rose and Camille listened to many inspiring speakers and presentations, including Rachel's Challenge by the brother of a girl killed in the Columbine shootings. Camille has notes from their classes and workshops, which are also available online along with training for the different positions, <www.pta.org>. Membership is everyone's business, we all need to be asking everyone to join. Look outside to community too - anyone can join, friends, relatives, businesses. We need more Dad's involved. "We're not getting paid enough not to have fun". Need to make it fun to get others to want to get involved.

III. Treasurer's Report (Rose):

Balance on Hand as of 04-01-08:	\$47,257.15
Receipts totaling:	3,403.74
Disbursements totaling:	21,725.84

Balance on Hand as of 05-01-08: \$28,935.05

(April and May treasurer reports will be approved at our June mtg)

IV. Principal's Report (Doug):

Teacher Introductions and Thanks:

Doug introduced Kindergarten teachers Jean Usilton and Cammi Richardson. They thanked PTA for their support. Jean especially appreciated the Teacher Appreciation lunches and also artist Stephanie Earhardt. She said having her come in early this year has been great because the class has been able to revisit what they learned throughout the year. Cammi appreciates the funding of special events, including an upcoming trip to the new Children's museum on June 9.

New Business:

School wants to develop a "Professional Learning Committee" as opposed to teaching in isolation. Teachers would meet and problem-solve, brain storm, look at test data together. High schools do this with late start Mondays, middle schools have early release Wednesdays. District says Elementary schools now may also be able to have school start 1 hour later on Mondays. Baywood will look into an onsite care program for Monday mornings for those students who need it. The cost would be paid by the families who use it.

Calendar:

May 19-23: Book Fair 1-4 PM Art Room

May 21: Open House 6:30 PM, MP Room (Friendship Floats 6:00 PM)

May 23: Kindergarten Roundup, 1:45-2:30 PM

June 9: Last Bear Hug Assembly for 6th graders 7pm in MPR

June 12: Games Day/Hot Dog Feed - Last Day of School!

Last Board Meeting June 4, 6:30 PM in Library. New board of Officers will run the meeting with support of the present board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Claudia Ferriday, Secretary