

**Medea Creek Middle School  
PFC Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2008**

Keyla Treitman, Medea Creek Middle School Parent Faculty Club President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**Minutes:** Marcia Gordon moved, Karen Sephton seconded the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**President's Report:** Keyla passed along a special thank you from the music teacher for the music chairs and electric piano. At the monthly PTO meeting the goal of online school registration was again discussed. Tony Knight announced the parcel tax renewal proposal will be on the June ballot. Starting next month the PTO's will have special chairpersons meetings, beginning with the chairpersons for newsletters.

**Treasurer's Report:** Co-treasurer Marcia Gordon reported there was an approximate \$7,000 credit to the wishlist payments due to a poster machine that was never purchased from the 2006-07 wishlist. Barbara Schwartz moved, Dana Mertzell seconded the treasurer's report.

**Principal's Report:** Brad Benioff reported on school events. Hoops for the Heart is in progress. Rachel's Challenge took place for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as for parents, with around 300 parents in attendance. A new club called "Friends of Rachel" begins tomorrow. There have been great, positive results thus far. The Chinese New Year will be celebrated after school tomorrow. Astro Camp has about 90 students signed up. Outdoor Ed for sixth graders begins the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. The seventh grade Star writing tests will occur in their Humanities classes on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The governor is proposing a large school budget cut. The school improvement plan will be cut. The principal will ask teachers to submit wishlist items with the future budget cuts in mind.

**No Frills:** Chairperson Maureen Frey reported a second mailing went out to those who have not yet participated. A total of 195 families have participated. The second mailing went to 637 families. The gold plaque was ordered. Totals after expenses are \$29,385. About \$5,000 came in online via Pay Pal. Two matching corporate funds came in. Maureen proposed offering the letter with the registration packet.

**Jog-a-Thon:** Chairperson Laura Ornstein reported she has \$650 worth of sponsors. Discussion was held on how to convey a desire to support local businesses that support the Jog-a-Thon. It was decided a table will be out at Open House with coupons and fliers of all sponsors who have support the school this year. Paperwork on the Jog-a-Thon will come home the first week of March. It will be held March 11-12.

**See's Candy:** Loretta Brown said the spring campaign will occur February 18-27.

**Open House:** Keyla reported it has a very strong committee.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Will take place in May.

**eScrip:** Loretta Brown reported MCMS has 268 families out of 830 families participating in eScrip.

**PFC Sponsored Curriculum Enrichment:** The PFC board met last month and decided the PFC would like to support ideas along the line of guest speakers or items that may need to be purchased for special classroom activities or events for curriculum enrichment.

**Campus Beautification:** The executive board met with Amanda Bagheri to explore how the PFC might contribute to campus beautification projects. The board came up with a list of several items and Amanda will research costs. Items include concrete over areas of the quad that are currently dirt, adding benches near the R building, and some umbrellas for lunch tables in the sun. Also, adding trash cans and recycling bins will be researched as well as some new plantings in needed areas of the campus.

**Newsletter:** Editor Karen Sephton reported the February issue is online. The March issue deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Safe School Ambassadors:** The staff will be identifying student leaders within groups on campus who will be trained on anti-bullying. There is a need for volunteers for hospitality for this group.

**Friends of Oak Park Schools:** Dhana Stevens reported that FOOPS made \$45,000 at their annual fundraiser, the same as last year.

**SEAC:** The Ability Awareness Fair is next week and there is a need for a few more volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Recorded by PFC secretary Barbara Schwartz

Attendance: Brad Benioff, Keyla Treitman, Dana Mertz, Patricia Kawamoto, Marcia Gordon, Barbara Schwartz, Karen Sephton, Laura Ornstein, Maureen Frey, Loretta Brown, Rose Covert, Dhana Stevens