

Medea Creek Middle School
PFC Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2007

Keyla Treitman, Medea Creek Middle School Parent Faculty Club President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes: Rose Covert moved, Marcia Gordon seconded minutes from the January meeting.

President's Report: Keyla gave special recognition to Jean Keaster for her work on the new No Frills letter. Thanks were also extended to Julie Chisholm for writing the Open House letter. In the monthly PTO meeting with Superintendent Tony Knight it was learned Dr. Knight is moving forward with a newsletter in order to inform the entire community about news in the school district. A community forum was held to follow up on the failed school bond measures. Sixty people attended and 30 people spoke about various school and bond-related issues. The next forum will be February 8th. The goal of this forum is to give independent feedback to the school board. A Friends of Oak Park Schools representative spoke about its fundraiser, Casino Royale. The goal is to have 40 couples per school attend. Each school is being asked to provide a themed basket. Tickets are \$75. The event is March 25th at the Canyon Club. Grants coming into the district include an arts grant, a one-time grant for P.E. and a \$17,000 visual arts grant. The school board is looking at how to implement the C6 bond in the best way. Tony Knight is working to collect names and talents of volunteers. The next PFC meetings will be March 1st and April 5th.

Treasurer's Report: Co-Treasurer Rose Covert reported the executive board approved installation of pavers for the quad area and that the work was complete. Lisa Phillips moved, Laurel Ford seconded to treasurer's report.

Principal's Report: Laurel Ford reported the improvement to the school quad was wonderful and gave special thanks to parent Susie Flores for her company's donation of the pavers and to parent Gregg Hillman, who offered at a greatly reduced cost, both labor and equipment through his company, Lightning Brothers Construction, for this enormous and well-done job. Lisa offered that this is a good example to include in the newsletter about teachers and parents coming together to solve needs for the school. Laurel reported the teachers and leadership committee are working on a new wish list. The biggest issue reported is the need for two new copiers. The need is immediate, as the current machines are so broken down that teachers sometimes cannot get tests printed. The district plans to pay for one new machine for the school. Discussion was held about leasing versus buying. Laurel will research this and report her findings. The Abilities Awareness Fair will be February 5-7. Chinese New Year will be held after school on the 9th, Outdoor Ed will be February 13th for 4 days, and Astro Camp is February 19-21.

No Frills: Lisa Phillips reported for Chairperson Jean Keaster that a second letter was sent out. There are 191 donors thus far in the school year. Laurel offered that this is successful because parents see the results of their donations. Shari Agapiou suggested that at Open House there should be posting to indicate items purchased with PFC funds. The signs could be reusable. This idea will be implemented.

Jog-a-Thon: Lisa reported chairperson Dee Speidel is working very hard and arrangements are coming together well for this new fundraiser.

See's Candy: Co-Chairperson Marcia Gordon reported order forms will go home February 27th for the spring sale, returned by March 9th, and the candy handed out March 29th.

Volunteers: Chairperson Shari Agapiou reported there are 4 new copier volunteers. Shari is looking for a volunteer for Tuesday lunch duty for the student window. Three-hundred directories have yet to be picked up.

Jump for the Heart: The event went very well and raised about \$5,400 for the American Heart Association.

Battered Women's Shelter Drive: The drive was very successful, with three rooms filled with donated items and required two hours of loading for taking the items away. ASB signs promoted the drive and were very effective.

Toys for Tots: Laurel reported members of the Marine Corps came by with a certificate thanking the school for its donations.

Newsletter: Co-chairperson Robert Weiser discussed items planned for the next newsletter, and will include a reminder about supporting No Frills. The deadline is February 14 for the next issue.

Other Business: There is a need for a chairperson to oversee the Lamppost Pizza fundraiser May 15 to June 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Recorded by PFC secretary Barbara Schwartz

Attendance: Keyla Treitman, Lisa Phillips, Laurel Ford, Rose Covert, Barbara Schwartz, Marcia Gordon, Linda Cohen, Karen Sephton, Shari Agapiou, Robert Weiser, Barbara Vaswani.