

Medea Creek Middle School
PFC Board Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2005

Lori Yacobian, Medea Creek Middle School Parent Faculty Club President, called the Board meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Vice President Keyla Treitman and seconded by Newsletter chairperson Jhana Petersen to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2005 PFC board meeting.

President's Report: At the monthly meeting with Superintendent Tony Knight he congratulated Medea Creek Middle School on being deemed a California Distinguished School. The ceremony for this award will be at the Disneyland Hotel on May 20. The Friends of Oak Park Schools golf tournament fundraiser netted about \$50,000. Mr. Knight thought that this money could go toward a music teacher at an elementary school. MCMS PFC President Lori Yacobian raised the issue that these funds, contributed by parents from all of the Oak Park Unified School District schools, should benefit all of the Oak Park schools. Lori spoke with Carl Bell of Friends of Oak Park Schools regarding this issue. This issue will continue to be examined by Friends of Oak Park Schools. Mr. Knight reported on a community forum held at the high school which was attended by approximately 100 parents. A report from this forum will be available to parents at the MCMS Open House. The district continues to work on a logo. May 25th is a teachers' rally regarding promised state school funding. The teacher's union will pay for substitutes so some teachers may attend the rally. Some schools have assigned a Big Buddy for new families. Vice Principal Amanda Bagheri suggested we could include a form offering this at registration. Jhana Petersen mentioned she has put together printed items to assist new families for Principal Laurel Ford. Amanda said she has been giving a number of tours to prospective new families. Amanda will follow up on these two ideas. Jhana proposed such information could be made available on the website. Lori reported that 192 middle schools were selected for the California Distinguished School award out of the 2,300 middle schools in California.

Lori reported she has not received any negative feedback about the dues increase for Panther Pride and the school directory for next year.

Every board position has a volunteer except for the earthquake program. Keyla Treitman and Sue Siegel are set for Open House.

Lori reported Diane Starzak, coordinator of the Community Emergency Response Team, suggesting the school have an electronic defibrillator, approached her. Funding this would cost around \$600 a year and would be a great deal of responsibility. Teachers would be required to be continually updated on the equipment. Amanda suggested we see how the high school is working this out. Lori also pointed out the fire department is 2 blocks away from the school.

Lori stated the new board and old board would meet to pass along information and binders at Keyla's house at the next PFC meeting, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. Flyers will go out for this via mail.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nancy Menia presented a comparison of Income and Expenses this year versus last year. Lori moved to approve the report and it was seconded by Gloria Morl.

Regarding items for approval, the idea of a school mural, proposed last month, was not specifically proposed to eighth grade parents in the recent donation request. Nancy Menia will check on the eighth grade funding option for this. The item will be discussed at the next PFC meeting. Amanda will speak to Laurel to see if a couple of samples could be brought to the June PFC meeting. Jeff Fleishman and Nancy would like to be able to close the books and request all loose ends be brought forward.

Principal's Report: Amanda reported the school staff is excited about the upcoming Open House and the wonderful events which precede the classroom visits. Amanda reported the district has offered to cover some expenses for the California Distinguished Schools presentation. Amanda pointed out that although the event is publicized by Disneyland as taking place at their hotel, there were no savings for recipient schools in the evening's events. Lori offered that the PFC can assist with funding for the evening's event, if needed. Amanda will let Lori know if they need this.

The school's open house will take place May 19th. Keyla Treitman reported the tiles will be ready and displayed at Open House and should be mounted, as well. Tile painting will be Tuesday and Thursday after school of the coming week. There will be a fundraising table at open house as well.

Amanda reported that a fifth grade orientation will take place May 17. She asked if the PFC would fund popsicles to be given out at this event. Lori made a motion to approve up to \$200 for the fifth grade visit popsicles; Keyla seconded and all approved.

There will be a drama production on May 13 and 14. The band will be at Disneyland on May 21. The jazz band will visit the elementary school. The ASB is looking into having an after school dance on June 1. The magazine drive is set for the beginning of the next school year. The company behind this will be offering more to the school.

Invitations are going out for the volunteer recognition event on May 27 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Fundraising:

Ice Cream Sales: Gloria Morl reported \$300 was raised in April. Sales will close the week before school ends. There was some See's candy out with the ice cream. One See's product had to be thrown away due to its expiration date. Remaining lollipops will be given out prior to year's end. Maria Edenholtm will take over this program for next year. Keyla would like ice cream sales at registration.

Book Fair: Gloria Morl reported the dates for the next school year's book fairs are confirmed with Barnes and Noble for August 27th and December 10th. We will have one flier for this as well as for food fundraising at registration. Coldstone Creamery is offering for teachers to serve ice cream on August 27th. Gloria will e-mail Laurel about this. Sim Carter is working on the August flier. Gloria offered the reminder that the Barnes and Noble funds must be used for anything non-athletic.

eScrip: Jhana placed a note in the newsletter to keep eScrip going.

No Frills: An additional \$250 came in.

School Attire: There may be a production cost increase next year.

School Directory: Tony Knight discussed the possibility of a district wide directory. Lori felt it would be too difficult to get the funds to the schools on such a project and that it should not change.

Panther Pride Newsletter: Chairperson Jhana Petersen reported approval has been received to transfer via computer disc directory files of eighth graders for the high school and receiving discs for the incoming fifth graders. Only names approved for entries will be published in the directories. Jhana will meet with incoming co-chair people for the newsletter next week. Previous years' newsletters will be given to Laurel Ford for archiving. This year's newsletters will be passed on to the incoming chair people.

Volunteers: Jhana reported that Terri Baklayan has compiled a long list of registration volunteers from last year. She also has a list of volunteers for the office for next year and will make some changes to the volunteer form and coordinate this with Keyla.

Jump for the Heart: Laurel reported it was a successful event. Two teachers are being trained on the new Polar equipment. The school is looking into other Polar fitness equipment.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Sunnie Ashtiani has spoken with the people of Macaroni Grill regarding food for this event and also has volunteers to prepare other food.

Oak Park Community Foundation: Eva Larson reported that May 25th is their next meeting at 7:30 p.m. at May Boyer Park or the district office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Recorded by PFC secretary Barbara Schwartz

Attendance: Laurel Ford, Amanda Bagheri, Lori Yacobian, Keyla Treitman, Barbara Schwartz, Nancy Menia, Jhana Petersen, Gloria Morl, Bev Futterman, Sue Siegel, Sunnie Ashtiani, Jean Keaster, Eva Larson, Stanley Hansrajh