

**Menlo-Atherton High School PTA
General Board Meeting
November 7, 2007**

Board Members Present: Julie Brody, Pam Stoner, Janet Perez, Denise Bullwinkel, Pam Songer, Molly Eason, Stacy Fredericksen, Elizabeth Johnson and Patty Burch.

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Pam Stoner at 8:35am on November 7, 2007, In the Career Center Classroom, M-A campus. 19 members were present. *Motion to delete the budget line item for outreach in the October 3, 2007 minutes was made by Judy Hood /ElieenVan Rheenen /Unanimous. Motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2007 meeting with the deletion was made by Nancy Sterling/Pam Stoner/Unanimous*

A. Administrative Speaker: Superintendent of Administrative Services, Ed Lavigne

- **Background:** A teaching and financial support background. 25 years of math and computer science. Tech guru for a neighboring school district and a CEO position for six years in Michigan.
- **Bond Information:** Cannot 'advocate' for the bond but can share information:
 - Bond needs 55% to approve
 - A citizens oversight committee will be formed if the bond passes (Ed has been in charge of this committee for five years)
 - Every five years a new auditor will be hired.
 - A fourth bond for career development is eventually needed.
- **Performing Arts Center:**
- This bond was calculated to include anticipated costs so we won't have to come back for more funds.
- 10% of property taxes assessed presently go towards the schools. This bond would increase that by \$9.73 for 25 years.
- The average home in the Sequoia School District is \$500,000. Assessments on taxes will decrease as property values increase.
- **CCOC (Central County Occupational Center):** is a vocational center for high school students and adults that work in conjunction with the local High School. The county and district are working together to put some of these programs back into the High Schools because the county was sanctioned for helping too many adults and their funding was put at risk. The Center will be at 4th/5th Avenue in Redwood City. These will be vocationally certified programs offering a diploma and college credits.
- EPA High School:
 - Proposition 39 Bond, requires us to legally give adequate space to an East Palo Alto Charter School, which was originally chartered by Ravenswood. There are 300 students currently (which can increase up to 400).

B. Administrative Speaker: Principal Matthew Zito

- **Bond Measure:** M-A has been in a constant renovation since the 90's. This bond measure will enable us to fix up M-A and finish the construction that is currently going

on. Bond money and donations have also helped with the athletic facilities, however every 8-14 years a new bond will be needed for deferred maintenance.

- **PE requirements:** We will stay the course for the next few years, as coaches will continue to incorporate the PE curriculum in the sports curriculums.
- **8th Grade Information Night:** Was a success.

C. Treasurer's Report: Molly Eason

Motion to amend the budget for Grad night from \$2,692 to \$3,000 as a one-time transfer was made by David Jones/Marilyn Loftness/Unanimous

A line item expense to Outreach from \$600 to \$1,600.00, was made by David Jones/Debbie Verity/1 abstention.

D. Motions:

Motion that the PTA support the Bond Measure was made by David Jones/Judy Hood and Patty Burch/Unanimous

Motion to approve \$999.00 from the PTA as a donation for the 'Citizens Committee for the Bond Measure' was made by Patty Burch/Debbie Verity/Unanimous

E. Committee Reports:

Fashion Show/Nancy Sterling: The luncheon is sold out. More tickets available for the afternoon and evening show. Help is needed on Sunday @ 9:30am. Thanks to Chris Corneilius for designing the lighting and filming the DVD!

Parent Education/Charlene Margot: Tonight is the 3rd event, with Eileen Van Rheenen reporting on the sleep and dream program: Dr. Rosekind will discuss drowsy driving, performance athletics, and sleep apnea, in three mini lessons. Stanford undergraduates in World Studies classes will teach education for freshman. Juniors and seniors will be also be mentored by Stanford Students. Denise Pope will discuss the results of the SOS survey in January.

Sarah Fitzgerald: The can food drive run by the leadership students is a school wide participatory event. Canned and fresh food will be boxed for 300 M-A families. Drivers are needed.

Lisa Major: Project Backpack and the Holiday Drive promote awareness both locally and globally. The Holiday drive provides 50 families with gifts, and Project Backpack provides warm jackets, toiletries, granola bars, and water. Fundraising and donations make this possible. Drivers are needed.

Eighth Grade Information Night/Michelle Culhane: Was a huge success! \$900.00 fed teachers and the leadership committee helpers. 646 people signed in from 27 schools

PTA Website/Debbie Verity: WWW.Mabearpta.org. If you have information that you'd like added to the site, send an email to debv1@yahoo.com and attach documents as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am Denise Bullwinkle/Julie Brody/Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Songer
M-A PTA Secretary