

Menlo-Atherton High School PTA
General Meeting
January 11, 2007

Present: Board Members Stacy Fredericksen, Leslie Murveit, Julie Brody, Marilyn Loftesness, Hilda Friedman, David Jones, and Debbie Verity.

- I. The meeting was called to order on January 11, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. by Co-President Stacy Fredericksen in the Rise Room of the J Building at M-A HS.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Minutes, Debbie Verity: Minutes of the November 2, 2006 PTA meeting were presented. David Jones moved and Eileen Van Rheenen seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed.
- III. New Business
 - A. Public Comment: None made.
 - B. Committee Reports for January Events
 - i. Parent Ed Night, Julie Brody and Eileen Van Rheenen: The parent education meeting on Jan. 23rd will be a panel discussion led by Dr. Rosekind about teen sleep issues. Eileen explained that the intent of the sleep education program is to educate the entire M-A community about teen sleep. Dr. Rosekind gave a presentation to the faculty on Jan. 9th. On March 6th Stanford University Sleep & Dreams program undergraduates will present sleep information to all M-A students. The students will be surveyed about sleep issues both before and after the presentation. Next year the same program is to be presented to the school.
 - ii. SOS Task Force, Charlene Margot: Last May a Stressed Out Students Task Force was formed, joining the SOS movement at Stanford U which is led by Denise Pope. The mission of the task force is to work with the school community to reduce stress. On Jan. 10th Ms. Pope spoke to the faculty. She will be speaking to M-A parents and students on Feb. 12th at 7 pm in the J-Building, along with a panel of students from the task force.
 - C. Treasurer's Report, Marilyn Loftesness: Income to date is \$105,471, with expenses of \$35,692. The fashion show's net income will be about \$35,000.
 - D. Committee Reports – Canned Food Drive, Sarah Fitzgerald: The canned food drive was extremely successful, with over 116,000 cans collected and deliveries to over 400 families. Thanks were given to Jenna Carson, Andy Stuart, Kelly Todd, the leadership students, and 55 parent volunteers. Coach Parks and Mr. Fontana also returned to help with the drive.
 - E. Freshman Challenge Day Follow-up Report, Andy Stuart: Andy showed a video about Challenge Day that he also screened for the faculty this week. The results of a survey of 327 freshmen, sophomore, and junior participants of Challenge Day (CD) were presented to the faculty and to the PTA. Andy pointed out that, counting high and moderate votes, 92% of the freshmen enjoyed the Challenge Day experience and 88% believed it would have a positive effect on the campus. Partial results are as follows:

CHALLENGE DAY SURVEY	6 (High)	4-5 (Mod)	1-3 (Low)
Freshmen:			
Overall how much did you enjoy CD?	68%	24%	8%
To what extent will it have a positive effect on campus?	43%	45%	12%
To what extent will it have a positive effect on how you treat others in the future?	52%	35%	13%
To what extent do you think CD will have a negative effect?			75%
Sophomore/Juniors:			
What were your feelings after it ended?	44%	37%	19%
How much did you enjoy it?	38%	37%	25%
Do you feel CD was a valuable and positive experience for you personally?	Yes 46%	No 44%	

Andy reported that 14 teachers at the faculty meeting spoke positively of how their Challenge Day experiences changed their teaching. On Feb. 20th and 22nd the senior class will experience Challenge Day, with their goal to be to finish the year strong. A survey will be administered to them at the conclusion. This will make M-A a Challenge Day flagship school with about 90% participation. Follow up meetings planned for freshmen include reunion lunches, and freshmen transition leaders meeting with freshmen in their small groups. Teachers will be working the ideas of Challenge Day into their classroom lessons.

Question: What happens to those students who were identified as needing follow-up help? Adolescent Counseling Services follows up with all students.

Question: Are long-term teachers seeing global changes? Yes. There was a lot of talk about students behavior changing. Teachers reported a lot of “debriefing” occurring in the classroom.

Andy thanked the PTA for their continued support of Challenge Day and Freshmen Transition Services.

- F. Matt Zito, Administrative VP, and Brien Oliver, Facilities Manager:
- i. As of Monday 1/8 Keith is the new night chief on the 2:30-10:30pm shift. Dana is also new to the night shift and is doing an excellent job. M-A is short at least 1 full-time custodian.
 - ii. The school board has granted money for landscaping. Hardscape will be added near the G-wing. The space behind the art classrooms will be redesigned to allow it to be used as classroom space. The Ringwood landscaping past the gyms will be upgraded.
 - iii. Food service and deliveries were moved near the basketball courts.
 - iv. The Dept. of Education state architect will be reviewing the Performing Arts Center plans by April 1st. The pending lawsuit filed by Atherton does not affect this process. The J Building may be demolished in May or June. Construction should take 18 months. Redesign of the parking lots and frontage areas will be done in conjunction with this project.

- v. **Question: Has Clint Barrett reported back about the campus lighting issue addressed in November?** A report was submitted to the director of maintenance and is still in the process. It was noted that all lights are to be off by 11pm per Atherton's request. Report specific outages to Brien.
 - G. House Tour Fundraiser, Laurie Holyoake: Per the Board's request, Laurie reported on the feasibility of holding a house tour fundraiser. She is proposing staging a one-day event at 3 or 4 homes during Spring 2008. The advertisers solicited for this event would be different from those who participate in the fashion show. The show would be advertised to the greater M-A community, including city residents, alumni and feeder schools. A proposal was made to use the funds for a specific need for the new Performing Arts Center, creating a true community event. This would be coordinated with a capital fundraising plan that has already been started. The proposal for a house tour will be put on next month's agenda for a membership vote.
- IV. Upcoming PTA Dates and Events:
- A. Trivocis deadline – Mon., Jan. 15th
 - B. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Mon. Jan. 15th
 - C. Mini-grant deadline – Fri., Jan. 19th
 - D. Parent Ed Night on Teen Sleep – Tues., Jan. 23rd, 7pm, Library
 - E. PTA General Meeting – Thurs., Feb. 1st, 8:45am, Rise Room
 - F. Denise Pope and the SOS-Stressed Out Students evening – Mon. Feb. 12th, 7pm, J Building

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Verity
M-A PTA Secretary