

**Menlo Atherton High School PTA
General Board Meeting
February 6, 2008**

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

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Julie Brody at 8:45 am on January 9, 2008, in Room F-15, M-A campus. 25 members were present.

A. Public Comment:

Big Band Dance: February 29th

Kepler's Community Partners in Education Program: When Shopping at Kepler's, M-A families should say, "We are a Community Partner" and state that they are from M-A. Each quarter M-A will receive a check from Kepler's for 10% of these sales.

Parent Education Series: Your Teen's Mental Health: February 20th, 7-8:30pm, M-A Library
Measure J Passed!

Minutes: Do not have to be approved by the membership; however, copies will be available at each meeting for review. Any member that has changes/corrections should contact Pam Songer at psonger@comcast.net.

B. Administrative Speaker: Principal Matthew Zito

- Measure J will be used for:
- Landscaping/seeding/doors/roadways and parking/reduction in science classes, major upgrade to pride hall, etc.
- The Summer School is being developed for remedial and enrichment programs. The art programs are especially being looked at as a way to draw in middle school students and build on the enthusiasm of what M-A has to offer.
- A full time Drama Teacher position has been posted.

B. Treasurer's Report: Molly Eason/presented cash flow

Motion to add \$750.00 to Parent Education, was made by Marilyn Loftesness/Debbie Verity/Unanimous.

Motion to add \$400.00 as a line item for Matthew Zito to honor students with a 3.0 or above, was made by Suzanne Amato/Debbie Verity/Unanimous

- Molly will look into money spent for the 'display cases' and whether we should increase the funding for this committee.

C. Mini Grants: Judy Hood/Maggie King

Motion to approve grants #1-7, and# 35, under ‘Academic Enrichment’, was made by Suzanne Amato/Charlene Margot/Unanimous

Motion to approve grants# 9-11, and# 13-22, under ’Equipment’, with the caveat that #21 and #22 be approved by the Science Department Head after checking that the equipment is not already available in the science department, was made by Suzanne Amato/Marilyn Loftesness /Unanimous.

Motion to move grant #31 to a line item in the budget, increasing challenge day expenses by \$2,800, was made by Marilyn Loftesness /Suzanne Amato/Unanimous.

Motion to approve grants# 24-28, #30, # 32a-32d, and # 36, under ‘School Support’, was made by Suzanne Amato/Leslie Murveit/Unanimous.

The members thanked graduating parent, Maggie King for her leadership in coordinating.

E. Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Patty Burch, Teri O’Neel, Kristin Smith, Janet Perez and Denise Bullwinkel.

- Suggestion was made to change the general meeting from Wednesday mornings to Tuesday mornings in the fall due to conflicts with other schools’ meetings that could prevent future candidates for board positions.
- The nominating committee will nominate the parent-at-large representative for the SDMSC.
- Anyone can nominate themselves for a position

Motion to move the general PTA meetings from Wednesday mornings to Tuesday mornings beginning in September was made by Suzanne Amato/Maggie King/Unanimous.

Big Bear Run/Suzanne Amato: May 4th is the Big Bear Run. This will be our 3rd annual walk or run 5K race to support M-A athletics. The walk/run includes all ages. Last year we had babies in strollers and a 92-year-old grandmother that won in her age division!

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am. Patty Burch/Mary Hom/Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
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