

**Menlo Atherton High School PTA
General Board Meeting
April 28, 2009**

Board Members Present: Janet Perez, Denise Bullwinkel, Lisa McNamara, John McMurtry, Molly Eason, Kristin Smith, Pam Stoner and Pam Songer.

Opening: Janet Perez called the meeting to order at 8:40 am on March 31, in the Old Dance Studio, M-A campus. 16 members were present.

Motion to approve the current slate of the 2009-2010 Executive Board sans the VP positions, which the nominating committee is still looking to place/ Kristin Smith/Janet Perez/Unanimous

Motion to approve \$25,000 grant to the site council in Mid May, for planners, copy room supplies, the Avid Program and Environmental Supplies/ Pam Stoner/Charlene Margot/Unanimous

A. Public Comment:

- *Pam Stoner:* The site council grant is usually \$13-15,000 each year. This year we would like to increase that amount to \$25,000 for the site council to spend for: planners, which will remain a discretionary expense while they are being revamped; copy room supplies, to help offset the reduced funding provided by the state; the Avid Program's field trips, which would either have to be funded thru the district, wherein the district would bill the PTA, and then the district would be responsible for Insurance, etc., 'or' go thru the Principal's discretionary fund; and supplies for the new Environmental Class.

B. Committee Reports:

Charlene Margot / Parent Education

- The last parent education event in May has been cancelled. We are working on next year and Charlene has agreed to stay on as lead parent. One idea is to work together with Gunn and Paly to save money and obtain better speakers. Need a co-chair for this fun and informative committee!

Debbie Verity / Grad Night

- **'One Enchanted Evening'** / 123 tickets sold so far/ May 12th is the deadline for all sales. This is a dressy occasion. Screening procedure in place/no frisking. There are 419 seniors, 14 scholarships but we expect more. We have done a lot of fundraising to date. In need of junior parents to work the check in table fro 8:45-10:45pm and chaperones for the entire evening.

C. Administrative Speakers: Andy Stuart/Kelly Todd/Student Leadership at M-A

There will be no changes to the leadership classes, however we may tap into more parental support on campus!

Leadership Students:

Carla expressed how leadership brought her out of her comfort zone and taught her how to converse with others more freely.

Anna stated she watched her sister come out of her shell in leadership by being involved in the planning process where you have to learn how to communicate with others. She was determined to follow in her footsteps. She is now the Student Body Co-President with Lindsay Kelvie.

There are 3 leadership classes at M-A with their own set of objectives and goals:

- 4th Period/Spirit Activities:
 - Class activities/dances/rallies/philanthropy. Right now the seniors are working on the Senior Prom, sending out thank-yous to various sponsors, and the Senior Lunch. The juniors are working on fundraising for supplies 'and' building 'Aids Kits'! The sophomores are working for the *Invisible Children Philanthropy* and the spring carnival.
- 5th period is the Unity Awareness Class:
 - Club Rush
 - Environmental Committee: Earth Week/ Recycling Center/Bike to School Events/Currently training w/Stanford go out into the community to teach/bring environmental behavioral changes to High School Students.
 - Cultural Committee: Plans and works at Culture Day @ Encinal/ International Week Activities/responsible for the Community Service Boards in each classroom/ Raising funds for the Second Harvest Food Bank.
- 6th period is the Freshman Transition Class:
 - This class is dedicated to assisting freshman with a message 'the whole class is here for you'. They work at 'arena check in' and 8th grade info night at M-A as well as attending 8th grade info nights at the local middle schools. Organizes and runs Food for Thought/ tutoring sessions including *Coco and Crunch* during finals (called *Fruit Crunch* when it's warmer).
 - Freshman Transition Leaders are super passionate kids that are trained in the summer to teach 7 lessons during 6th period, to the freshman classes.

D. Treasurer's Report: Molly Eason:

- Molly will let us know at our next meeting how much more \$ we can give as a PTA since we do not want to carry a huge reserve but still want to have a good margin for next year.
- Grad night expenses have not yet cleared.
- PTA benefited from fundraising early in the year.
- Boosters might be lower this year
- Zito would like help filling a hole with the Partnership Academy: 20% state cuts/\$30,000 fed cuts, have drastically reduced funds for example: the community building, ropes course, and computer applications. Either transfer to the district to hold OR have Nancy Meecham spend it this year.
- Per Zito: \$40,000 are needed for point and shoot cameras.

E. Upcoming Events:

Battle of the Bands proceeds will go to Spinal Injury Research.

Sunday, May 3/9-11am/ Big Bear Run

Tuesday, May 5/ Minimum Day

Sunday, May 17/ Jazz Band Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 20/ PTA Appreciation Lunch in the G wing courtyard, 1:30pm

Tuesday, May 26/ General PTA meeting 8:30am

Thursday, June 4, M-A Graduation/ 4pm, Coach Parks Field.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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