

## MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL

### MINUTES OF THE PTSA MEETING MARCH 12, 2008

**PTSA staff members** present: Alecia Myers, and Karen Truesdell.

**PTSA parent members** present: Diana Forsyth, Margaret Hoyt, Cindy Lee Ingram, Joanna Jaeger, Hilda Li-Abiva, Nancy Mendizabal, Mike Mendizabal, and Suzanne Stone Williams.

**PTSA student members** present: Alex Jaeger and Melissa Schmitz.

**Guests** present: Yina Li.

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** The meeting of the Milpitas High School PTSA was called to order by Suzanne Stone Williams, treasurer, at 5:49 p.m. in the MHS Library on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.
- 2.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Addition: *item 8c: School Calendars*. Nancy Mendizabal moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- 3.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Suzanne Stone Williams moved to approve the Feb. 13, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.
- 4.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Cindy Lee Ingram:**
  - 1 PTSA scholarship 'Thank You' letter received from Thuy Nguyen.
  - 2 Sadie Hawkins dance 'Thank You' notes received from ASB leadership and from Junior Class officers for PTSA volunteer help.
- 5.0 **APPROVAL TREASURER'S REPORT - Suzanne Stone Williams:** Treasurer's Report will be available at the next meeting. Border's fundraiser profit is approximately \$228. Still awaiting profits from last Papa Murphy's October fundraiser.
  - a) **Ratification of Checks:** Nancy Mendizabal moved to ratify check # 1056 (\$17.62 audit binders and dividers purchase). Motion carried.
  - b) **Authorization of Checks:** Diana Forsyth moved to authorize a check for \$350 for the purchase of a yearbook ad. Motion carried.
- 6.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) **MHS PTSA Scholarship Application Review - Karen Truesdell:** update recommendations made:
    - 1 re-format form, to be more eye-catching,
    - 2 extend deadline time past 3 p.m. to give students additional time to turn in application after school,
    - 3 specify 'at least 16 or more scholarships available',
    - 4 specify dates that the application may be submitted 'from April 2 to May 1'.Suzanne Stone Williams moved to approve the application form as amended. Motion carried.
  - b) **Barnes and Noble Fundraiser:** April or May dates are available. Suzanne Stone Williams will follow up on obtaining flyers.
  - c) **Golfland Fundraiser – Yina Li:** fundraising available via the online VIP Club. Free sign-up allows discounts on golf tickets and tokens, and 15% goes towards MHS. Golfland will supply flyers to advertise fundraiser. Advertisement via the PTSA website requires approval by the district. Volunteer needed to be contact for fundraiser. Item will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.
  - d) **Best Buddies Request for \$300 – Joanna Jaeger:** seed fund request made for new MHS club, which promotes friendship between students with special needs and their typical peers. Over 100 typical students initially signed up, with 30 active students. Students were matched up with buddies and get together for individual and group activities. Regional activities, in which they would like to participate, include: the San Francisco Festival of Friendship in April and the Indiana National

Leadership Conference over the summer. A Marie Callender's fundraiser will be held next Thursday, Mar. 20, 2008. A budget amendment would be required before such a request could be filled and will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

- e) **Nominating Committee for 2008-2009 PTSA Executive Board Elections:** the committee finds and nominates candidates. A slate is needed by the April meeting for elections in May. Item is deferred to next month's meeting. Current candidates: Suzanne Stone Williams for Treasurer and Diana Forsyth for Auditor.

## 7.0 OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Ocean Scrip:** upcoming Monday order deadline is on Mar. 24, 2008. Tuyet Nguyen will be outside Room H01 on Wednesday, Mar. 26, 2008. Orders received by Monday (in PTSA mailbox) will be available by the following Wednesday (approximately 2 p.m.).
- b) **Save Mart/Lucky Cards - Coleen Matsuno:** No report.
- c) **Recycling Event:** 327 vehicles were processed (i.e., passed through). Requests were made for another recycling event. Suzanne Stone Williams will contact company regarding funds raised and possibility of future fundraiser date. Alecia Myers mentioned that ROTC expressed thanks for moving the event to an alternate parking lot.

## 8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Athletic Boosters – Hilda Li-Abiva:** Funds were approved for: 5 tennis nets and 3 scorecards (\$943), JV Baseball equipment (gloves, balls, etc), 5 replacement jerseys and 12 replacement pants (approximately \$1,315), Golf Team green fees (\$1,275). Scholarship applications (forms available at the Career Center) are due by May 2, 2008. Leo B. Murphy awards are on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (dessert served at 6 p.m.). Possible Nike 3 year contract, with 40% discount on items (35% discount to all MHS students), includes outfitting of coaches. Club will dissolve if there are no candidates for 2008-2009 elections. With the Athletic budget cut of 10% (\$25K), teams may be cut and/or parents of athletes will be asked for additional funds. Question rose as to whether some students can fill any of these positions.
- b) **Music Boosters - Alecia Myers:** new band uniforms search in progress. The \$20K District funds are no longer available due to budget cuts. Alternate plans are to raise the \$20K and/or purchase fewer uniforms. Nancy Mendizabal recommended contacting the Alliance of the Arts for help. The band went to Delta College and met and played with their band. Fullerton trip planned on April 4 and 5 (Santa Cruz trip cancelled). Scholarships are available.
- c) **CBAC - Nancy Mendizabal:** MUSD school calendars are voted on every 2 years. The 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school calendars were reviewed. Among suggestions made:
- move the Cinco de Mayo observance from Monday, May 2, 2011 to Friday, May 6, 2011. Question rose as to why this holiday was still observed instead of a more general, diverse holiday observance. Mike Mendizabal stated that a phone survey, made a few years ago, indicated a slight preference to keep the holiday as is,
  - move in-service/staff development date from Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 to Monday, Nov. 1, 2010 (after Halloween) and from Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 to Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011 (after Halloween),
  - April break, move to 2<sup>nd</sup> week instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April because it is too close to STAR testing.

Mike Mendizabal reported that the MUSD board approved budget cuts and the use of \$2.5M from reserves for the 2008-2009 school year. Major budget cuts (\$942,580) were made. MHS cuts include: assistant principal, counselor, 10% Athletic fund reduction (\$25K), and 10% decentralized budget (paper, etc.). Parents were asked to send letters to the state congress with pleas to support schools and help with budget issues. A packet of sample letters was distributed. For the 2009-2010 school year, the possible \$2.5M in cuts may include: assistant principals, counselors, class size reduction, electives (sport and music), and \$940K in position cuts.

- d) **Student Government/ASB:** no report.

e) **PTSA Membership:** no report.

f) **PTSA Scholarships - Karen Truesdell:** total of \$8,159.02 to date. See item 6a above.

g) **ELAC:** no report.

9.0 **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Charles Gary/Alecia Myers:** no report.

10.0 **OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

*Next PTSA meeting: to be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 5:45 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Hilda Li-Abiva, PTSA Secretary