

## 6/7/2011 General PFC Minutes

Meeting was called to order and minutes from May approved

### President:

- CBCA request for \$10k. Funds would be used to upgrade the teacher's computers so they all have the same operating system. Recipients should respond in-kind with help at city events. (Ex: Oktoberfest and Arts/Wine Festival, breakfast with Mrs. Claus)
- Pennies for Patients update: MDE raised \$6,277.39, and was the 3<sup>rd</sup> top-fundraising school in CA! Special thanks to Kate Amos for letting us use her picture and Michelle (who stepped down earlier this year for medical reasons) for sorting and counting the money.
- Communication: Anyone not on e-news, please encourage them to sign up. Sent out on a regular basis every Sunday night.
- Moment of thanks. Attendance at meetings has gone up. Special thanks to Mrs. Keenan, Staff and Board.

### Principal:

- Apology for not listing the first day of school in last Principal's message. August 29<sup>th</sup> is Kindergarten Orientation; August 30<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school. Full day.
- I met most Tuesdays with Yolanda to have an open line of communication. I consider it a partnership. We have a wonderful community and school and I want to keep it that way.
- Teacher situation: 3 new teachers were laid off. Two were in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, one in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Fuller (1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Romano (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) retired. Enrollment numbers are down and we are short 40 Kinders.
  - There will be a 2/3 combo class
  - 4 Kindergarten classes
  - 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes
  - 4.5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes
  - 4.5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes
  - 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes
  - 5 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Have to follow union rules. 3 Holbrook teachers place here. Two of them are going to 5<sup>th</sup>, and one is going to 3<sup>rd</sup>? We are missing one 1<sup>st</sup> and one 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Teachers were laid off due to less seniority, and Holbrook teachers get first rights because their school was closed.
- The five 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be smaller. Mrs. Van Outrive will teach the 2/3 combo.
- Process for choosing the combo class: Good students that are independent workers. Parents will not be notified ahead of time, but can be certain that their student was picked because of their ability. She is an excellent teacher with great classroom control. Per Kristy, those in the higher grade are not weighted down.
- Articulation (classroom assignments). Teachers are choosing students. It is fair and as balanced as possible, using grids. Went well.

- Prep Night is from 4-8 pm
- Clothing bins: I came up with the idea before 'Claycord'! We will be giving away at the end of the month. Mrs. Grispo took home all of the laundry (currently washing 9 bags of laundry), washes it and donates to Cambridge. Huge task.
- Thank you to everyone!

Treasurer:

- Please see report. Highlighted PFC Miscellaneous was used to purchase a gift card for Terry Newberry for all of the countless hours he spent helping with the Talent Show and videotaping Sleeping Beauty, and his children are no longer here. We don't want to set a precedent, but felt he really went above and beyond.
- Entertainment Book/You're Invited. No longer in business. Have the summer to come up with plan. Might be an addendum to delete Entertainment, add TBD.
- See report. Note increase in auction, dine and donate, and vendor night spending. Total: \$160k.
- **VOTE: Budget 2011-2012. PASSED**

Committee reports. Mrs. Keenan needs minutes before next Board meeting. Too late for Tuesday, but need to get it in by meeting after that.

Amy DeSeelhorst will continue as Hospitality person and would like to cater the staff appreciation luncheon with Ravioli's owner.

VP Education:

Jen C will do prep night. There will not be a parent packet this year. Everything will be on-line. Please check back in July.

Natalie couldn't be here, but wanted to thank all of her committee chairs.

VP Fundraising:

Marcie thanked her committee chairs.

We still need someone for Vendor Fair

April 27<sup>th</sup> is the 2010 Auction

Rhonda has a great idea for a fundraiser to take the place of the Entertainment Books.

- Rhonda briefed us on her "Eagle Fun Run" or "Eagle Fund Run" with a proposed date of September 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. Rhonda is off and running gathering as much research as she can to make this a successful event!
- This could supplement the suggested Benefit Golf Tournament. We are awaiting more details from Randy Wenger.

VP Operations:

- Jen thanked her committee chairs
- Prep Night- Exec Board needs to "be there"
- Need PFC Childcare person. Sharon Degener has offered to fill the position.

VP of Events:

- Father Daughter Dance was June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to everyone for their help.

- We need a Yearbook Chair. Per Holly, Jennifer Nielsen may be interested, but she would like a co-chair and more information about what it entails.
- Vendor Fair Volunteer Needed

Corresponding Secretary:

Jen L. was absent, so Yolanda read her thank you's.

PAC Parent:

Update on Clayton Valley Charter school vote.

School Board trying to come up with Strategic Plan

Parent Feedback from meetings—confusing and concerning

No Open Forum Topics

Huge "Thank you" from Yolanda and Mrs. Keenan.

**Northgate Parent Faculty Club  
Minutes  
Thursday May 19, 2011**

**7:07PM** – Meeting called to order by Monica Fitzgerald.

**Present:** Monica Fitzgerald, John McMorris, Kathy Frattini, Ann Sussman, Cathy Escobar, Jenny Crosthwaite, Linda Locke, Cindy Lentz, Molly Anderson, Linda Loza, Jane Erdiakoff, Audrey Slaughter and Margot Chafetz

**Guests:** Ruth Carver, Spalding Ashley, Lisa Whittington, Caron Weeks, Jay Suresh, Scott Stephens, and Janet Sheehy

**Approval of Minutes:** Cindy Lentz made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 2011 meeting. **The motion passed.**

**Baccalaureate—Molly Anderson:**

- Molly reported that Mr. Bob Johnson would be the main speaker at the Baccalaureate on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnson is retiring this year after over 30 years as a teacher and coach in the Mount Diablo school district. Plans are going well for the event; there will be student speakers and student performers as well. The event itself is in the Gym followed by a reception in the Forum.

**Treasurer's Report – Kathy Frattini**

- Kathy reported we are on target with expenses, having spent nearly \$175,000 through mid May. There looks like a small budget carryover of approximately \$35,000 available. The Spring Fling net amount will probably be around \$63,000, which is outstanding.
- A motion was made to pass the budget. There were questions asked around the Library, Curriculum Assistant (shared person between 3 departments), and budget for Career Day (nothing was really spent the first year of Career Day). **The motion passed and the budget was approved as presented.**

**2011- 2012 Board – Cindy Lentz**

- Cindy Lentz presented the 2011- 2012 slate for the incoming PFC Board. **A motion was made and passed to approve the Board.**

**President's Report---Monica Fitzgerald**

- Monica announced that Measure C funding for Northgate of \$1.5 million has been established thanks to the efforts of the Superintendent Lawrence. The Strategic Plan focus will be on the

bleachers, Sports Med wing and new bathrooms, classroom wing, and new Engineering Academy/Design Center. These efforts total \$1.9 million so all the parent organizations at Northgate will need to work together to achieve full implementation.

- As the Strategic Plan objectives are built into objectives, more people will be needed to work on the various sub committees. **A motion was made to formally adopt the Strategic Plan—the motion passed.**
- Monica thanked Jenny Crosthwaite for all her hard work on the Strategic Plan.
- Site Council is looking for 2 or 3 new parents interested in serving. Please contact Monica if you would like to apply.
- Monica thanked the Executive Board for serving the past years. She also thanked the Crisis Counselors for all their efforts throughout the year.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Challenge Days—Spalding Ashley:** This year was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of sponsoring Challenge Days at Northgate; the first time though that a school wide assembly was held. Spalding will stay on board and mentor the new volunteers and assist with fundraising.
- **Northgate Pride—Jane Erdiakoff:** Jane introduced Margie Morris who will be the new Pride rep for the PFC Board. Jane confirmed that the bleachers have full funding: \$500,000 from Measure C, \$200,000 from Pride and \$50,000 from NG Athletic Boosters.
- **Athletic Boosters & UMDAF—Janet Sheehy:** Mary Wardle and John Kronick are the new President and Vice President for Athletic Boosters. 45 students are participating in the spring strength and conditioning class; summer classes are also planned. The School Board will vote in mid June on whether sports will continue next year. Kid's Fest which is a UMDAF fundraiser is Memorial Day weekend. The football team is sponsoring a meat sale this weekend and will do another one in August when school starts.
- **Music Boosters—Betsy Henderson:** Yoshi's Jazz performance was very successful— the Leshner Spring concert is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Choral Boosters—Kathy Frattini:** End of the season performance is Tuesday night at Northgate.
- **PAC—Linda Locke:** No meeting this month. There is ongoing discussion about a sales tax fundraiser for the cities within District boundaries. A parcel tax remains possible if the required approval goes from 67 to 55%. As always, check the Mt. Diablo website ([www.mdusd.org](http://www.mdusd.org)) for the most up to date information on this and all other District news.
- **August Walkthrough Days—Audrey Slaughter:** August 30<sup>th</sup> is the start date for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Walkthrough Days are Monday, August 22 (juniors and seniors) and Wednesday, August 24 (sophomores and freshman).
- **Education Fund—Cathy Escobar:** Some dollars are still coming in; a plan for renewed focus for next year is being developed.

#### **Principal's Report—John McMorris**

- Plans are in progress for Focus on Learning (FOL) for next year. Over 100 classroom visits were conducted this year alone.
- We are not losing teachers due to enrollments remaining steady, but school closures will impact seniority in terms of other teachers coming in.

#### **Career Counseling Assistant:**

- A motion was made to fund \$20,000 (\$12,000 from carryover and \$8,000 from Spring Fling) to fund the part time position for the 2011-2012 school year. **The motion passed.**