

Lincoln Middle School
School Site Council/PTSA Combined Meeting
June 17, 2009

Large attendance! Yay! PTSA/ELAC/SSC – Suzanne Webb, Gerry Haker, Cristina Villalobos, Valetta Mendoza, Winnie Wechsler, Sean Allstot, Fariba Eskandani, Stef Suffolk, Eric Marcos, Paula Goldman, Tom Belin, Sara Blitz, Nancy Wang
Guests – Karen Gardner, Lynn Leavitt, Martha Martinez, Mimi Winship, Mark Choi, Carol Golden, Kathleen Reiss, Pattie Fitzgerald, Isabel Martinez, Rebecca Kennerly

Valetta Mendoza motions to approve and Tom seconds.

1. 3:20pm = Approval of minutes from 5.27.09 meeting
2. Update reports from
 - a. 3:25pm = AVID – Rose Moe
 - i. Interviews took place over the last two weeks.
 - ii. 26 students in the 8th grade AVID class
 - iii. Maybe 25 students in the 7th grade AVID class
 - b. 3:30pm = ELAC – Cristina Villalobos
 - i. Last meeting was on Thursday June 4th
 - ii. Winnie, Pattie and Lynn attended to represent PTSA and SSC and Suzanne, Carl and Miguel attended as well.
 - iii. Summer activities were presented
 - iv. School climate surveys were filled out
 - v. Introduce = Isabell (president) and Martha (PTA rep)
 - vi. Cristina last day ☺ But has done a great job as Liaison
 - c. 3:40pm = PTSA – Lynn Leavitt
 - i. Thank you everyone who helped out with the dance – best ever so great! Really fun! Gearing up for the next couple of days. Nervous about Friday because it has never been done before. Volunteers needed to help with the newness of it all.
 - ii. Parents decorating the cafeteria tomorrow (Thursday) after school.
 - iii. Staff will help manage the reception as well.
 - iv. Budget – working on budget, calendar and chairs. Pattie will slide right in!
 - v. Next year’s reflection theme is “Beauty is…” Big push so that there is a bigger program at Samohi for continued participation.
 - d. 4pm = Principal – Suzanne Webb
 - i. Teacher openings for next year...
 - ii. 8th grade behavior and festivities (wonderful)
 - iii. Budget Discussion
 - ❖ Enrollment and drops for '08-'09 school year
 - ❖ Enrollment for next year and projections
 - ❖ 42.4 FTE for Lincoln in '09-'10
 - ❖ Do A.M. students often drop in the second semester?

- ❖ Projected budget for this year is \$87,256 (created last year). \$70,504 was allocated. Budget for next year is 20% less (about \$69,000).
- ❖ PTA is working with LMS to fund items that may be in jeopardy from budget cuts:
 - GATE money
- ❖ PTA Income → small (book fair may not take place) \$150k
 - Book Fair location for next year?
 - Carnival never used to be an income and then it has generated!
 - Carry Over
 - Core Donations
 - Direct Investment - how do we lobby for more money? It would be nice to say “help your child get _____”
 - EScrip – we need someone dedicated to organizing the small free money things
 - Back to School Picnic, Movie Night, Poker Night, Bingo Night
- ❖ PTA Expenses
 - Pink lines are new budget lines
 - After school art program will happen next year
 - Chance to Dance, CYO, Drama will remain the same for next year
 - New School Yard Productions
- ❖ New
 - School-wide assemblies – Character Counts, etc.
 - GATE
 - Library Books – focus on programs next year rather than hard supplies – Meredith has a clear idea and wants to make sure that we have a healthy budget to maintain the programs that she has built - but we don’t know who will be replacing her. What about technology portion going down so that Library can get more money.
 - Technology – Peripherals & “other”
 - Special Education Resource Network Volunteer – guest speakers, child care
 - PTA License for movies – Carey Upton’s office wanted PTA to pay for all of it. It costs \$500 with the understanding that there are a certain number of schools participating.
- ❖ Stuff that came up this year (district didn’t cover)
 - Student Safety

- ❖ PTA presented budget suggestion and we reviewed it against the SI budget for this school year
 - Lynn suggested that PTA could maybe pick up the cost of
 - PE Rockwall training
 - SLC night
 - Writing Night
 - Analytical Essay Night
 - Math Night
 - Adolescent Night
 - Music tours
 - Library supplies
 - Totally about \$7500
 - Suzanne said that the following would not be used next year
 - 1 day of Science planning
 - UCLA pd
 - DWA grading/norming
 - Totally about \$5400
- ❖ Tom moved to file the PTA May treasure report for audit and approve the minutes. Paula second it. YAY!
- ❖ Lynn will be the Leadership Chair and train PTA presidents on how to be great leaders!!

3. 4:15pm = Community Survey updates
 - a. Put on the website for more to access – Joanne Huang
 - b. Send out another Lincoln List
 - c. We need to get it out earlier next year
 - d. Tom shared some of the outcomes (180 families)
 - i. 97% strongly agree or agree that LMS places high emphasis on learning (national = 82%)
 - ii. 80% strongly agree or agree that their Child is safe at LMS (national = 68%)
 - iii. 86% School connectedness feels a part of LMS
 - iv. 80% Happy to be at LMS
 - v. 88% close to other students and 62% close to an adult (national was 66% for close to people)
 - vi. 9.6% - 9.8% trouble getting homework done – 80% had spoken with the teacher or administrator (none were involved in the after school activities)
4. 4:30pm = Discussion of Site Council elections for 2009-10 school year.
 - a. Most people would like to keep the elections in the fall. It would be easiest for the PTA president to have the elections at Back to School Night. Put a flyer in the Summer Packet advertising.