

Paradise Canyon Elementary School
Open PTA Meeting
June 9, 2009

1. Call To Order

President Laura Campobasso called the Open Meeting of the Paradise Canyon Elementary School PTA to order at 9:20 am in the cafeteria. A quorum was present.

Lisa Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance. Laura welcomed those in attendance, asking old and new board members to introduce themselves. She praised *Lunch with Your Teacher*, saying that she had heard from many about how special it was. Laura thanked Lori Moody, Christine Chant, Donna Robinson and the teachers for making the event very warm and inviting.

Laura thanked the many volunteers who worked over the past year on PTA activities. She gave a special thanks to Lynda Grigg, Ashley Gish, and Maureen Borland for their work on Teacher Appreciation Week. Laura mentioned that the teachers are worried about the upcoming Measure LC vote. She also reassured those present that all principals are going to send out emails reminding everyone to send in their ballots.

Donna Robinson announced that the email would include as much factual information as we would be allowed to give out.

Concern was expressed over the number of unsigned ballots received as well as confusion about a possible polling site mentioned on the ballots.

Regarding unsigned ballots, Caren Colburn stated that ballots would be sent back to those who included a return address. Regarding polling confusion, Connie Becker announced that there would be a publicized ballot drop-off but no polling location.

Laura Campobasso thanked Doreen Aitelli, Lori Moody, and Caren Colburn for all of the wonderful communication at PCY this year. According to an informal poll, most people know how and where to access school information. Emails have been coming out on the 1st and the 15th, which has worked out well.

2. Business

Secretary Paige Hulseby **moved** to approve the minutes of the May 12th Open Meeting, and Lisa Dick seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

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Treasurer Susan Marki gave the Treasurer's Report. Susan announced that the Medieval Faire has netted \$60,000 and that Passive Fundraising is still "smoking" thanks to Lori Moody!

According to Susan, our beginning cash balance as of May 1, 2009 was \$95,412.06, and the ending cash balance as of June 8, 2009 was \$135,559.98. During this period 100 checks were written totaling \$43,618.63.

Susan Marki referred to the Cash Report and the Warrants Report, copies of which were being passed around the room.

Susan referred to the proposed budget, explaining that we have about \$135,000 in the bank now, and by the end of the year we expect to spend up to \$36,000 more. Counting in around \$4,000 in receipts for events that we have not had yet, we expect to have about \$95,000 by the end of the year.

Laura Campobasso reminded everyone that the PTA has provided the school with seven mimeos as well as training so far. Because mimeos have become so popular, the teachers are requesting six more mimeos and two LCD projectors. Laura mentioned that she would like to see as much of the request filled as possible because PCY has the least technology of all the schools.

Caren Colburn asked if budgeted funds that are unused automatically go into the same fund for the following year. For example, if PCY Beautiful has about \$200 in unused funds, will that be applied to next year's budget? Laura Campobasso responded that these unused funds are considered restricted funds, which can only be applied to the area in which they were intended to be used.

Donna Robinson mentioned that funds could be reallocated, depending on how they are raised. For example, the One Check Order asking for chair donations specified that extra money would go to PCY Beautiful.

A discussion followed about funds allocation and the need for additional technology. Connie Becker asked if laptops would be needed to go with the mimeos.

Laura responded that we would need laptops. The expected cost of most of the teacher technology request would be about \$14,000. We would make sure to include a bulk training as well.

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Caren Colburn suggested that we include one page for technology in the One Check Order Form.

Donna Robinson explained that some of the schools that were first to purchase the new technology did not initially use it. Therefore, we only bought a few mimeos in order to get the teachers excited about them. Donna announced that we should go forward with purchasing additional mimeos.

Laura Campobasso **moved** to approve \$15,000 for mimeos and laptops, LCD projectors, and training. Kim Hershman seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Susan Marki again referred to the proposed budget, asking all present to direct any questions to her. She mentioned that very few changes had been made. Math intervention was dropped, and the funding for supplies was increased because of district cuts. Everything else was kept on par with what we did last year.

Donna mentioned that the District had cut supplies and would continue to make cuts. Laura reminded all present that if Measure LC doesn't pass, more extreme cuts would be made.

Further discussion centered around cost cutting measures such as eliminating snacks at meetings and having Cougar Tracks go online. Laura announced that the Executive Board would meet and address these suggestions.

Susan Marki **moved** to approve the June 2009 Cash Balance report. Connie Becker seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Susan Marki **moved** to approve the June 2009 Warrants Report. Mikaro Hara seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

3. Principal's Report

Donna Robinson announced that construction on the new multipurpose building is moving along.

Construction should be finished some time in mid-October. We are about a month behind. We sandblasted some of the blocks to make the building a lighter color, which is a big improvement. We will also add tiles to give it some color variation. The windows up high are tented a light blue-green to give it a modern 50s contemporary look. And the bathrooms and lobby are all nice.

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According to Donna, children will not be able to walk in at will. From the stairs there will be a walkway to the building with landscaping, although not as much as we thought. We will, however, supplement the plants through PCY Beautiful.

Donna mentioned how useful the building will be on rainy days. There was continuing discussion on entrances and parking, particularly for baseball and CEC. Donna explained that baseball and CEC parents would have to use the Oliveta gate.

4. Chairperson's Reports

Medieval Faire: Caren Colburn announced that the Medieval Faire was a great success. She thanked Lisa Dick and Cathy James for all of their work on the Silent Auction.

Donna praised Caren for her idea of the Teacher Experiences. Lori Moody asked how much more the Faire made this year over last year.

Caren said that we made about \$5,000 more this year. Parental support went up, but sponsors went down.

5. Announcements

Donna announced that Hill Street Café, owned by Mark Kim, Jennifer Kim's dad, is now donating a percentage of funds to La Canada Elementary schools on certain days. PCY has Mondays.

Laura Buchanan reminded everyone about the summer mailing. There was some discussion about what to put in the mailing and who to send it to.

- Retirements & Farewells – Wednesday, June 11th at 3:00 pm
- Last day of school – June 18th
- Next meeting - Monday, August 31st at 8:15 am in the Cafeteria

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary