

# Daves Avenue Elementary Home & School Club Meeting

January 17th 2012

Meeting Minutes

## I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:29 a.m. by Erica Mittelhauser.

**Approval of December 6th, 2012 Minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes: Jeff Milde

Second: Dan Snyder

Unanimous approval.

## II. Present

Jennifer Appleton	Alex Potts	Jana Morse
Anne Cristofano	Kirsten Grado	Bianca Gruetter
Kim Simon	Jeff Milde	Kristine Zehner
Erica Mittelhauser	Kit Bragg	Nicole Reginelli
Claire Nipress	Katrina Cabral	Julie Opatovsky
Madeleine Korling	Becky Hanson	Kit Bragg
Dan Snyder	Sue Lee	Shannon Drotar
Nava Berstein	Kerri DiCicco	Claire Nipress
Jean Melax	Kim Simon	Amy Goldsmith
Kathy Granger		

## III. Executive Board Reports

### President's Report.....by Erica Mittelhauser

Erica read "thank you" notes from Amy Goldsmith to the H&SC for purchasing new Mission books for the 4th grade; from the 4th grade students for the new Mission books; and from Sue Esquivel for the flowers.

Erica attended the District Safety Meeting last night with several hundred people in attendance. It was lead by Scott Seaman (LGPD) and Diana Abbati (superintendent). The discussion revolved around prevention and prompt response in the event of a violent school tragedy. They have had procedures and policies in place for many years prior (since the Columbine tragedy.) The best thing is prevention of school violence. Not dealing with the event as it unfolds but dealing with it before it occurs. The teachers have all been trained and will continue to receive more training. In the event of the emergency, they ask that parents DO NOT congregate at the school as it will

prevent emergency vehicles in access to the school. Communication is very important and there are two places that you can register to be alerted within minutes via text/ email: Alert Santa Clara Country and Black Board Connect.

The Daves Avenue kindergarten fence area is a high priority.

The H&SC still has \$15,000 additional surplus funds. The H&SC Board approved to buy a new paper cutter (\$700) for the staff workroom. The estimate costs for the new overhead projection units for each class room came in around \$50K. The Board has suggested to table the addition surplus funds for now and determine the viability of additional fundraising to buy new projectors.

An interpreter has been requested for the play Groovy.

A New Parent Coordinator is needed. Andrea Anderson has stepped up in the interim.

Mom's Night has been cancelled and in the future there will only be one per year.

#### **Vice President's Report....by Jeff Milde**

Need a Daves Avenue volunteer/representative for the 150th LG Anniversary.

We are going to start recruiter for the H&SC Board for next year 2013-2014.

#### **Treasurer's Report....by Bianca Gruetter**

There has been discussions (as above) about "surplus" H&SC funds. It was suggested that a better word is "discretionary" funds. The concern is that "surplus" suggests that there is extra money when indeed the need to continue to raise money is necessary in today's economic environment.

#### **IV. Principal's Report by Kit Bragg**

Teachers spent an entire day with Sargent Harris in a safety training program.

Eight iPads / class have been ordered for the 2nd grade pilot for Daves; however, it has grown to a District wide roll out for 2nd grade . iPads arrive in March about \$20K per grade to roll out - 8 iPads in every class. Kit would like to roll this out for kindergarten and 1st grade next year. Safety mechanisms are being purchased for the iPads and other additional cart safety mechanisms are being researched.

Expect Respect workshop was held on January 14th. Katrina Cabral orchestrated this workshop after feedback about student's negative behavior that had been exhibited during lunch/recess. There were 22-24 (3rd, 4th, 5th graders) kids asked to be part of this workshop as well as teachers Lisa Pupkin and Vanessa Holiday, two parents Andrea Anderson and Katrina Cabral and Kit Bragg. Meetings will be held every other week. Strengthening and complimenting what we have established through Project Cornerstone already.

## **v. Committee Reports**

### **The Circus....by Kirsten Grado and Erica Mittelhauser**

Next meeting January 22rd. Encouraging "One and Done" donors to make sure to RSVP by February 15ht so that we have an accurate head count.

### **Groovy.....by Kirsten Grado for Meredith**

Tickets are on sale now.

### **LGEF.....by Claire Nipress**

Meeting tonight at 7:00 pm at the District office.

### **Qlubb by Jean Melax**

Running smoothly. Need to let Jean know if you see any inconsistencies on any of the calendars (District, H&SC, Daves and Qlubb.)

## **vi. New Business**

### **PARCEL TAX UPDATE BY KIM SIMON AND BECKY HANSON**

Preliminary research looks good for the parcel tax to be renewed for 8 years as it is due to expire in 2014. There is \$2.6 million (equivalent to 30 full time employees) that is received from the current tax. There will be a mail-in ballot that will be mailed to voters in April 2013 and needs to be returned not later than May 7th to be counted. It requires 67% return to be approved - need 2/3rd votes to pass.

A new parcel tax web site is being designed that will allow you to volunteer to help with phone banks and to volunteer to have a yard sign placed in your yard.

### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION BY BIANCA GRUETTER**

A Los Gatos Union School District Kinder orientation will be held at Daves Avenue on Thursday, January 24th.

## **vii. Meeting Adjournment**

Erica Mittelhauser adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Minutes recorded by Kirsten Grado.