

## General Meeting Minutes March 3, 2015

- 1) **Call to Order** 8.45 a.m. (Claudia Zuanich)  
**Attendees** Claudia Zuanich, Natalie Campbell, Don Ball, Cheryl Thompson, Saraswathy Lakshmivaram, Molleen Barnes, Lisa Ball, Alisa Dreyfus, Abran Dreyfus, Urmila Padmanabhan, Cammie Clark, Vic Cloutier, Joe Torres, Pat Gavin, Veena Roesler
- 2) **Welcome and Introductions**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** Patrick Gavin motioned, Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 4) **Reports**
  - i) **President (Claudia Zuanich)** – Nothing to report
  - ii) **Vice president (Natalie Campbell)** – Nothing to Report
  - iii) **Superintendent (Molleen Barnes)** – March is Literacy Month. A kick off assembly was held on Mon, March 2nd. Door decorations are going up and Saraswathy will help Molleen with the judging of the Door Posters. Authors will be visiting the school and we look forward to the annual K-4 Book Parade (Wed, March 25th).  
Lucy Caulkins training was held on Fri, February 27th. This was the first time the teachers had formalized training. The coach was impressed with the teachers and students, with respect to the Lucy Caulkins method. This validated that Sunol Glen School is on the right track! Additional training will be held on Mon, March 30th, with 2 other sessions to be scheduled for this school year. The plan is to continue this training for next school year too. SBAC/CAASPP Testing will allow interim assessments results to be released. Teachers can get feedback to see student performance earlier than with prior STAR testing where results would only be released after school was over in June. Even though the testing is more rigorous, it is more real world. The goal is lower anxiety.  
Parent Conferences for students at risk (both educational and social) will be on Thurs, March 12th and Fri, March 13th. Those will be early release days (12:15pm) for all students. There will be no school on Fri, March 6th to allow teachers to prepare for the conferences.
  - iv) **Secretary (Saraswathy Lakshmivaram)** – Nothing to Report.
  - v) **Treasurer (Alyson Whitaker)** – Don Ball is stepping in for Alyson. Down payments for Spring Fling have been made (for venue and for theater group). Cost is lower than last year. Earth Week gifts this year are stainless steel water bottles. Costs are over the budgeted amount because stainless steel is more expensive than if we went with plastic. Don requested to allocate \$150 to cover additional costs; Claudia motioned, Sara seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.  
Urmila requested that there be consideration in including allocation for funding of stainless steel snack containers that she can purchase from India this summer. Don stated that this would be evaluated when the budget is reviewed in the next couple of months.

- vi) **Volunteer Coordinator (Cheryl Thompson)** – Star Volunteers who have completed 20+ volunteer hours in the month of February are Alfonso Lopez, Kun Zu, Maria Oxyuk and Melinda Paul. 2+ Hour Volunteers –Atsuko Bell, Darcey Clark and Jeanine Debacker. As of end of February we have almost 400 volunteers who have logged ~3350 hours of service! Way to go Volunteers!

## 5) Committees

i) Garden Committee

During Feb garden classes, the children ate beet colored pasta, created beet stamp valentines, and planted seeds in starter boxes to grow in the greenhouse.

In March garden classes students will be served cabbage and pesto bread in honor of St Patrick's Day. Vic and Saraswathy complimented the garden – please send emails to Garden Committee (Gin Wesener), so testimonials can be included in the Garden Newsletters.

Next garden meeting will be on Thurs, March 12th at 8:30a to plan for the garden classes on Thurs, March 19th.

## 6) Past Event Updates

i) Recycle Friday (Liz Hall)

At the last Recycle Friday in February we made \$55. Next Recycle Friday is March 27th.

## 7) Upcoming Events

i) Time with Teachers (Natalie Campbell)

The Time with Teachers auction has been extended until 10.00pm on March 5th. There will be several “Teacher for a Day” items. Pajama Parties for K-5 and the Middle School Lock-in will be offered the night of the Middle School Dance.

ii) Evening of the Arts (Natalie Campbell and Melody Mayer)

Talent show try outs will be on March 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> after school in the cafeteria.

iii) Earth Week (Cheryl Thompson)

Earth Week's dates have changed and will now be from April 20th to April 24th. Vic is finalizing ideas for station presenters. There will be a poster contest for Earth Week and prizes will be ribbons and ice cream sundae parties or free homework passes for the winners. Posters are due April 17th.

iv) Trashion Show (Cammie Clark)

The evening Trashion Show will be on April 23rd. There will be 2 afternoon shows for the students on April 24th. A small group will be performing at Maker Faire on May 16th & 17th. This year we will have volunteers from Pleasanton High Schools to help with make-up, music, and behind the scenes. The goal this year is to make an outfit out of 3D printed beads! The 3D printer has been delivered.

v) Staff Appreciation week (Kindra Mendall)

The dates are May 4<sup>th</sup>- May 8<sup>th</sup>.  
More details to follow.

vi) Spring Fling (Lisa Ball)

This will be held on Fri, May 8th (from 7p-10p) at Elliston Vineyards, and will feature a night of Comedy Improv. Made Up Theater will perform an audience interactive show.

There will be a Wine Pull (Claudia). We need donations of wine or other alcohol - individual bottles are welcome. Contact Claudia at [czuanch@yahoo.com](mailto:czuanch@yahoo.com). We are planning to have a Dessert Auction. We need a volunteer to coordinate requests of donations from bakeries or other specialty professional home bakers. The school garden may be able to provide flowers for the centerpieces.

vii) Auction (Cheryl Thompson, Bev Brooks and Dana-Lynn Gavin)

Letters requesting donations were mailed out to past donors and donations are coming in!

Please ask around for donations . There is a master donation list (you may contact Cheryl, Bev or Dana Lynn to check so we don't double up!)

viii) Spring Book Fair (Pat Gavin)

Since there are too many activities going on around the last few months (April-May) of the year, there has been a consideration for not holding the Spring Book Fair this year. There will be one in Fall.

ix) History Bee (Vivian Sam)

The History Bee Team has started fundraising for their trip to Kentucky for the National competition. Molleen has kindly volunteered to give proceeds from Principal for a Day to the History Bee Team. The Middle School competition will be held on Wed, March 11th at Hopkins Middle School. Sunol Glen School will host a competition on Sat, March 14th. Will need high school volunteers to help out during the event. For any information contact Vivian.

x) SGCC Board Elections

Elections will be held in May, everyone agreed that the current team is doing a fine job and would be great if they could continue. The Treasurer's position has been served by Alyson for two terms and will be available. Don will continue to do the bookkeeping. If anyone is interested in joining the SGCC Board let us know.

**8) Announcements and Thank You's**

i) Updating of Trophy Case Awards

We need a volunteer to look into updating and engraving the awards in the trophy case outside Mrs Barnes' office.

**9) Adjournment** 9.55a.m.Pat motioned. Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>.