

## General Meeting Minutes April 7, 2015

- 1) **Call to Order** 8.45 a.m. (Claudia Zuanich)  
**Attendees** Claudia Zuanich, Natalie Campbell, Alyson Whitaker, Cheryl Thompson, Molleen Barnes, Lisa Ball, Kindra Mendall, Tori Ha, Niki Chien, Beverly Brooks, Melanie Galvin, Pat Galvin, Joe Torres, Barbara Droher-Kline
- 2) **Welcome and Introductions**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** Alyson moved, Patrick Gavin 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)** – Literacy Month in March was awesome! The kids were so excited about Minutes for Muffins (The top 2 readers per class were treated to muffins with Mrs Barnes!) Kids who love reading do better in school.  
A survey was sent out regarding the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) and the results are being evaluated. Feedback was positive; people feel good about our school.  
Earth Week is in 2 weeks!  
SBAC interim assessments gave us a good idea on how much bandwidth the school's internet can handle. Three locations on campus were testing simultaneously, and there were no problems! Yay!  
Open House will be on Thurs, May 28th.  
Hero's Day is on Fri, June 5th.  
On Fri, Mar 27th the coach for Lucy Calkins modeled the teaching method for our teachers. The children were impressed that we are teaching the teachers. The next training session will be on Fri, Apr 10th. Five staff members have been accepted to go to a training session at the New York Institute from June 22-26. The School Board wrote a letter of support. Applications to the training are impacted and schools are being turned away. Next year, hopefully other Sunol Glen teachers can go.
  - iv) **Secretary (Saraswathy Lakshmivaraham)** – Not present
  - v) **Treasurer (Alyson Whitaker)** – We received \$1,600 in corporate matching funds last month! Spread the word.  
Retail donations from Target, Raleys, Amazon Smile, etc. brought in \$450.  
Although we accept PayPal to process credit card payments, there is a 3% fee, which reduces your contribution. We prefer checks if possible.
  - vi) **Volunteer Coordinator (Cheryl Thompson)** – Star Volunteer who has completed 20+ volunteer hours in the month of March is Asya Karpelavich. 2+ Hour Volunteers –Angie Rohr, Annalise Olsen, Elizabeth Waller, Greg Edwards and Yoshiko Sato.  
As of end of February we have over 161 volunteers who have logged ~3875 hours of service! Way to go Volunteers!

## 5) Committees

### i) Garden Committee (Jennifer Rampton and Abran & Alisa Dreyfus)

March garden classes drank cabbage soup, created newspaper pots for seedlings and hunted for gold chocolate coins left by Leprechauns! There will be a Garden Work Day on Thurs, Apr 8th from 8:30a-11:30a. We will be assembling benches, building the living willow dome, adding irrigation, and working on the compost. Please join us - no experience necessary. The next garden classes will be on Thurs, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ii) Election Nominating Committee (Lisa Ball)

See SGCC Board Election below.

## 6) Past Events

### i) Recycle Friday (Liz Hall)

At the last Recycle Friday in March we made \$113. The current total to date is \$602. Next Recycle Friday is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ii) Time with Teachers(Natalie Campbell)

Thank you to everyone who bid on the Time with Teacher auction items. We have raised \$6,785 to date for Teacher for a Day and Pajama Parties!!! Woo! Hoo! You can still sign up for the Pajama Parties on Fri, Apr 24th. The teachers will decide what day Teacher for a Day will be at the staff meeting on Wed April 8th.

If your child cannot attend the Pajama Party, consider making a donation that will go specifically to your designated classroom.

## 7) Upcoming Events

### i) Evening of the Arts (Natalie Campbell & Melody Mayer)

Art work by the students has been collected and will be displayed in the Cafeteria from 5:30p-8:30p on Thurs, April 16th. Parents can pick art that they would like to have framed and purchase it right there and then. Orders will also be taken for art to be turned into art cards. Jooners has been issued for help needed with the Art Show. Dinner before the shows will be available for purchase. Talent show try outs will be on March 23 and 24th after school in the cafeteria.

### ii) Earth Week (Cheryl Thompson)

Presenters have been finalized for the Earth Day Fair on Fri, April 24th. These include the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (new presenter will bring their watershed diorama), Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (returning presenter will bring their findings from excavation of the water tunnel), Irv Tiessen with Sulphur Creek Nature Center (returning presenter will bring birds of prey), and Magnolia Southern Kitchen (new presenter will showcase organic cooking). Earth Week Poster Contest posters are due Fri, April 17th. Winners will be announced on Wed, April 22nd and will be presented with awards on Fri, April 24th at the Trashion Shows.

### iii) Trashion Show (Cammie Clark)

The evening Trashion Show will be on April 23rd. There will be 2 shows for the students on April 24th at 12.50pm and 1.30 p.m. A small group will be performing in the Maker Faire on May 16 & 17. Judges have been confirmed. Information packets will be going out soon. Cammie has a 7th Grader this year, so next year, 2016, is her last year to run the Trashion Show. If there is anyone interested in taking on the Trashion Show, please contact Cammie so that you can shadow her. We would love to see this extraordinary event continue.

iv) Staff Appreciation Week (Kindra Mendall)

From May 4th-8th, we will celebrate our staff. Room Parents will be getting an email from Kindra with the details of activities for the week. Activities will include decorating doors, providing a staff luncheon, possibility of a frozen yogurt bar and providing snacks, movie tickets, and gift baskets. There is a shift towards providing only non-perishable items. Bev and Sharon have volunteered to decorate the main building hallway (once corkboard is installed). The hallway is always a conversation piece. Thank you! Mrs. Barnes stated that the staff always feels so appreciated and grateful for what SGCC provides during Staff Appreciation Week.

v) Spring Fling (Lisa Ball)

This adult-only event 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 (pay \$ for a chance to pop a balloon and win a bottle of wine). We need donations of wine or other alcohol - individual bottles are welcome. Contact Claudia. We will also have a Dessert Auction. Please contact Niki if you are a fabulous baker and would like to donate a specialty dessert. There will be a live auction of Disneyland tickets that will only be available at the event. This item will not be available on the online auction or as a Golden Ticket item. Must be present to bid and win. The school staff will receive one non-transferable ticket each. Information on family contributions to the school will be sent home by Fri, April 10th. Please contact Annalise Olsen if you have any questions. A non-transferable complimentary ticket (up to a maximum of 2 per family) will be issued for every family's \$300 contribution (including corporate donations and Walk-A-Thon pledges).

vi) Auction (Cheryl Thompson, Bev Brooks & Dana-Lynn Gavin)

Approximately 450 donation requests were issued! We have received ~60 donations to date with more pledges to come in. Contact Cheryl if you can donate any auction items, like vacation home stays, tickets to sports, theater, ballet, music or other events, services like manicures, haircuts, tutoring, housecleaning, goods like housewares, tools, art and decor. Please ask around for donations.

vii) Spring Book Fair (Pat Gavin)

The Scholastic rep was not happy that we are considering not holding the Spring Book Fair. They will contact Mrs. Barnes directly. Tori requested that the Book Fair be held in the evening at least once for working parents. Natalie and Alyson suggested an evening Read-In event during a Read-A-Thon, perhaps in September, especially since next school year will be starting earlier.

viii) SGCC Board Elections

Elections of the new SGCC Board will be held at next month's meeting on Tues, May 5th. Alyson has served the maximum allowable two terms as Treasurer. All other SGCC Board members may serve again in the same capacity next year if they are interested in doing so. Anyone interested in joining the SGCC Board should contact Lisa Ball.

ix) Walk A Thon (Kindra Mendall)

Committee meeting will be held in spring to set the date, theme and determine volunteers.

**8) Announcements**

i) Trophy case

Thank you to Tori for volunteering to update the trophy case outside Mrs. Barnes' office.

ii) Art Kiln

All preparations have been made. The kiln will be delivered shortly.

**9) Adjournment** 9.45a.m. Pat motioned. Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>.