

**VALENCIA HOME & SCHOOL CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
May 6, 2008

**I. Call to Order and Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Clarke at 10:30am.

Present: Alison McKenna, Wendy Clarke, Katrina Walkinshaw, Karin Kerber-Smith, Renee Roberts, Dori Galster, Lisa Mella, Jennifer Nowark, Kelly Austin, Claire Breen, Heather Jones, Annette Allen, Dianna Higginbotham, John Slater, Kim DeSerpa, Aimee Martin.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The April 2008 minutes were reviewed. Dianna made a motion to accept as written, Heather seconded and all approved.

**III. Principal's Report- Dianna Higginbotham**

Dianna reported that only one phone line is currently working in the office and ATT is working on the problem.

Yesterday after school there was informational picketing regarding the state budget cuts on the corner of Trout Gulch and Soquel Drive. Quite a few Valencia teachers and parents participated. There seemed to be a lot of support for our teachers from cars passing by.

We are receiving a copier which is being handed down to us from the district. It's only one year old and the maintenance is \$800 per year.

Mrs. Murphy has been chosen as the Cosen Family (Neutrogena owners) Foundation mentor teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. She will mentor 8 fellows in their classrooms, will do research, and give feedback.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are currently doing a marvelous play and using the state arts money for a new sound system and new skirt for the stage.

Comments have been made about the article in the Valencia View as being a bit forceful on the morning traffic issue. Dianna wants everyone to slow down. Speed on campus is a problem.

Congratulations to two 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Valencia are going on to the state science fair.

Tomorrow night is the PVUSD meeting in which the final decision will be made for cuts in the fall. It's important to remember that it's not the district at fault but the state of California. Both our science teacher and librarian are at risk of losing their jobs. Class reduction from K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades is in jeopardy of increasing to 30+ kids.

At the end of the back parking lot we will be receiving five new benches which are a gift from an Eagle Scout's final project.

Today is the first day of the state testing and only three kids were late!

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report- Renee Roberts**

Renee reviewed the Valencia H&SC Balance sheet and Profit & Loss statements. The figures shown were current as of March 31, 2008.

Renee then did a thorough job explaining line by line the initial budget considerations, or working budget, proposed for the 2008-2009 school year.

#### **V. Fundraising**

(a.) Kim DeSerpa suggested doing classified ads on our website. She proposed when a business is used from the website the business would donate a preset amount as a donation to the Valencia H&SC. Bill could come up with the computer design. Discussion took place and questions were answered. Dianna motioned to move it forward as something to look at as a sub committee in the fall. Jennifer seconded and the motion passed.

(b.) Wendy spoke about the difference between Sally Foster and Maredy wrapping paper and gift ware. Both are a 50% profit to the school. Maredy will ship directly to the parents which is a plus. Maredy also includes selling magazine subscriptions as part of their catalog. Since Aptos Junior High's only fundraiser is their fall magazine drive, Dianna is not comfortable with taking that business away from them. Jennifer made a motion to stay with Sally Foster. Kelly seconded it. Motion approved. Alison abstained.

(c.) Paper work and donation forms were sent home yesterday for Walk for the Arts which is on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

(d.) We have the opportunity to make 100% profit by parking cars at the Blues' Festival over Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers are needed to collect \$10.00 per car for an hour or two. Contact Christine Cornejo if you're interested.

## **VI. Other Items**

(a.) The staff luncheon has been rescheduled to May 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Liz Wong if you'd like to volunteer.

(b.) Michelle Young is heading up the H&SC board nominations for next year. All the job descriptions are listed on our website. Elections will be held May 21 at 5:00 before the school Open House.

(c.) No additional news on the Monte Foundation check. Kim in their business office has not returned Renee's calls.

(d.) Dianna reported that Field Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kelly will contact Mike Hushaw to help with the BBQ.

(e.) Jennifer brought up the possibility of buying auction software. The program Rio Del Mar uses for their school auction is \$600.00 per event. She will wait and look into how the software worked for them at their auction scheduled later this month.

(f.) Jennifer reported that at the Open House there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new garden. She suggested it would be nice for Karen Richmond to present the two families who donated all the supplies and labor each a gift certificate from the H&SC. Discussion took place and it was decided that it wouldn't be fair to all the other families who give financially and of their time to the school.

## **VII. Playground Update**

Kim DeSerpa reported that there is a possibility of an extra \$25,000 brought in from playground grants. The extra money will be used for swings and added later if that's the case.

The new playground will go in this summer.

## **VIII. Meeting Adjourned**

Wendy adjourned the last Valencia Home & School Club meeting of the school year at 12:00pm. The Annual Meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 in the cafeteria.

**VALENCIA HOME & SCHOOL CLUB**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
May 21, 2008

Present: Wendy Clarke, Katrina Walkinshaw, Dianna Higginbotham, Karin Kerber-Smith, Renee Roberts, Jennifer Nowark, Kelly Austin, Heather Jones, Christine Cornejo, Michelle Young, Kate Sandusky, Letty Bess, Rosalind SanFelipe.

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The Valencia Home & School Club Annual Meeting was called to order by President, Wendy Clarke at 5:05pm. Wendy thanked the current board for all the work this past year. Dianna said a special thank you to Renee Roberts whose three year term is up as the board Treasurer. Wendy announced the proposed board officers for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

<b>President</b>	<b>Wendy Clarke</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Michelle Young</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Karin Kerber-Smith</b>
<b>Recording/Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Kelly Austin</b>
<b>Room Parent Coordinator</b>	<b>Jennifer Nowark</b>

A motion was made by Kate Sandusky to accept the officers as stated. Letty Bess seconded and the motion to accept the 2008-2009 new board officers was approved.

Renee presented the draft budget for the 2008-2009 school year and moved to adopt the budget as a working budget since the neither the District nor the State have adopted their respective budgets yet. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

**II. Meeting Adjourned**

The Annual Meeting was adjourned by President, Wendy Clarke at 5:30pm.