

Valencia Elementary Home and School Club
Tuesday, October 9, 2007
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jennifer Nowark, Letty Bess, Kelly Austin, Kim DeSerpa, Rachel Spaulding, Christine Cornejo, Mary Lanham, Nancy Stanger, Jody Cole, Katrina Walkinshaw, Dianna Higginbotham, Renee Roberts, Heather Jones, Diane Elliott, Kalena Allard and Wendy Clarke.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Letty requested that the wording on VIII. Other Items, be changed to make it clear that we allocated an additional \$200 dollars to school beautification for Dave Higginbotham to use toward school beautification as needed. Letty Bess made a motion to approve minutes as amended and Heather Jones 2nd the motion. Minutes were approved.

Principal's Report: Dianna Higginbotham – Dianna reported that they have been short on office help lately. They have been getting a lot of support from the parents with activities during lunch recess. Michelle is keeping the library open during lunch and the computer lab is open two days a week as well.

There is a science assembly coming up called Predators and their Prey. We have started the recycling program again. We have also collected tons of canned foods for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

This year we have an extra \$10,000 for PE and Arts. She will be using this money for PE equipment and supplies, speakers and microphones.

Dianna expressed her concern for the new community opening up where Golden Torch used to be. She is working with the builder and the district to make sure she is kept well informed. The latest news is that they will not be opening up in Mid-November as we had been previously told. The new community will have 68 apartment units. They have not finished the application process. Nonetheless it will happen and it will be very stressful moving students, teachers and adding teachers. Our classes are all full so we will hopefully get a new portable. Christine asked if there was any chance that students with intra-district transfers would be kicked out of the school and Dianna said she would not do that to our current students but she will have to turn away transfers at this point. Wendy asked how they will determine which kids get moved and Dianna said that they will need to keep the classrooms balanced and they will go about it the same way they do it when it is time to make class placements at the beginning of the school year.

Playground Update: Kim DeSerpa – The playground committee met a few weeks ago and have agreed on a company that they would like to go with but that is all dependent on putting the project out to bid. Kim has been working with Boundless Structures which referred her to three providers in our area and the committee agreed that North State Playgrounds has the best deal. The concern with this is that the price they gave us of \$55,000 is only good through November. That does not include tax or the \$14,000 installation charge. The estimated cost of the playground equipment with tax and installation is \$77,000. We currently have \$40,000 in the

Outdoor Recreation fund which means we are short \$37,000. We currently have several outstanding grants which Kim has submitted or is working on. Kim has a meeting scheduled with Walt Zander of the district to discuss how we proceed and what the bidding process is like. Kim has contacted the District and the County office and they have told her they have no money for this project. Kim asked if there was any money that H&SC could designate to the play structure. Letty motioned that we transfer \$15,000 to the Outdoor Recreation Fund. The motion was 2nd by Kelly and it was passed.

Spectra Arts Update: Wendy Clarke – Wendy let us know that there are three Arts assembly planned for this year, i.e., music assembly and storytelling.

Treasurers Report: Renee Roberts – Last week Renee delivered the H&SC tax papers to a CPA. She presented the financial reports through August. Renee also figured out a new way to show profit & loss for the different “classes” which makes it easier to read.

Fundraising Report:

Sally Foster – Heather Jones for Sarah Walls - To date, we have raised \$9,000 and the delivery is scheduled for November 14. She will need help sorting boxes.

REV Drive – Heather Jones - We have received \$5,275 to date, there is another \$705 pledged for November and \$355 for December.

Monte Foundation – Kalena Allard – We have sold 350 tickets. We still need volunteers for the food booth. Our school is responsible for purchasing 1,000 bags of chips for the food booth. 25 event tickets were donated which Kalena is giving to volunteers and teachers on a first come first served basis.

Subaru Outback Drawing – Kelly Austin – The kick off meeting is tonight. The ticket sales will begin on Monday, October 15th. The sale will go for 3 weeks. Kim suggested that we give each student some tickets to sell and Kelly said she is thinking of sending out an e-mail to the H&SC mailing list asking parents to take some tickets to sell.

Harvest Festival – Jody Cole – Plans are coming along. Jennifer has now gotten names of room parents for every class. We will be having a bounce house, dunk tank, haunted house and Bob Carlton (grandpa) will be doing face painting this year. Jody is talking to Granite Construction regarding lights for the parking lot. Flyers will be going out today. They are looking for a room to do one of the cake walks. Wendy suggested the back of the cafeteria as a possibility. Jody plans to discuss this further with Dianna. The other thing that is needed is security people. Lety Rodriguez would like to have some help with decorations. Nancy Stanger requested some money to purchase black “tarp” type stuff to cover the walls and ceiling that could be reused. It was suggested that she try and get something donated and if not to come back to the Executive Committee with a dollar amount.

Misc. – Wendy wanted us to vote on some other fundraising opportunities that have recently been presented to the H&SC that were not budgeted.

Surf City – This is a fundraiser that we have always wanted to do but never found someone to head up and now Mindy Frady has agreed to do it for us. This fundraiser would take place in November and Surf City will sponsor a pizza party for the class that sells the most. Letty made a motion that we do the Surf City fundraiser and Katrina 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

You're Invited – This fundraiser we did last year and we think it only brought in about \$400. Christine was willing to head up this fundraiser but there was no motion from the floor.

Quiznos – Quiznos is offering to give us 20% of sales to Valencia parents on any weekend we choose. Rio Del Mar just did it this weekend and they sold \$600 so they will receive 20% of that. There is no expense to us to this. Kalena motioned that we pick one weekend, i.e., the 2nd weekend of every month between now and the end of the school year to do this. The thought is that we advertise it in The View and do a phone message, no flyer. Kelly 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned