

**VALENCIA ELEMENTARY HOME & SCHOOL CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
April 8, 2008

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

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Clarke.

Present: Wendy Clarke, Tricia McCurdy, Nicole Dennis, Renee Roberts, Heather Jones, Liz Wong, Michelle Young, Holly Markoff, Katrina Walkinshaw, Letty Bess, Jennifer Nowark, and Dian Higginbotham

**II. Additions/Changes**

A district budget update by Nicole Dennis was added to the agenda.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed, and with a motion from Letty Bess and a second from Jennifer Nowark the minutes were approved.

**IV. President's Report**

Wendy reported that we now have H&SC letterhead which is kept in the front office. She was able to use that letterhead to send the letter to the Monte Foundation so we can get the money we are due for the completion of our 5 years of selling Monte tickets. Wendy is going to follow up with the families who pledged a donation to the REV drive and have not sent in the money.

Dinners are being coordinated by the teachers and parents for Mrs. G who injured her back.

Heather Jones is sending out Spirit Wear order forms. They hope to enforce spirit days. There were several suggestions to help boost sales of the spirit wear such as having some kids model the shirts during the Monday morning announcements.

Diane Elliott was not present to report on Walk for the Arts but it was reported that she has sent something to the Pajaronian.

**VI. Financial Report**

Renee pointed out how much money we are bringing in with E-scrip and that we made the second payment for the play structure.

## **VII. Fundraising Report**

A vote was taken on which fundraisers we want to do for the 2008/2009 school year. The results were as follows:

Macy's shopping Day – No Unanimous	Monte – No Unanimous
Toyota Raffle – Yes Unanimous	REV Drive – 9 yes, 2 No
Sally Foster or Maredy – 5 Yes, 3 No, 3 abstentions	Surf City – 1 Yes, 6 No
Auction – Yes Unanimous	WFA – Yes Unanimous

The discrepancy in the number of votes is due to some people having to leave the meeting early.

## **VIII. Budget Report**

PVUSD current budget deficit for 2008-09 is \$9 million in unrestricted funds and \$3-4 million in restricted funds. District formed a Budget Committee which consisted of broad representation from across the District to develop budget reduction/revenue enhancement ideas. Their work has concluded and the Committee forwarded \$18 million in reductions to PVUSD Administration and the Board of Trustees. Copies of the list are available in the Office. Some important dates for the budget process:

May 7 – Board of Trustee meeting where reductions may be approved.

May 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> notification to staff (2<sup>nd</sup> pink slips) to employees who will be affected by approved budget reductions

May 20 – Governor issues “May Revise” budget which updates his existing, proposed budget

June 30 – PVUSD must submit a three year balanced budget to County Office of Education  
Good News: Letter campaign is having a positive affect on legislators. All who wrote letter to Senator Abel Maldonado received a response.

July 4 – sending letters out at parades – pressure time – important

Trustees have suggested to North Zone parents to advocate on behalf of the current zone structure. Send Emails to all the Trustees expressing your opinions.

## **IX. Principal's Report**

During this budget crisis, some schools/teachers have begun strictly adhering to work provision contained in their contracts (no over time or extra work)

The Neutrogena Company Family Foundation is proving an amazing opportunity to Valencia. For two years, they will fund a teacher at Valencia to become a mentor to 8 other Valencia teachers (fellows) to provide and fund training opportunities. In such bleak budget times, this is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers.

Supervisor Ellen Pirie and Dianna Higginbotham met with staff from the County and PVUSD at Valencia to discuss road, sidewalk and stair safety. The County and PVUSD are researching their areas of responsibility for maintenance of these areas.

With State Grant money, Valencia is purchasing a new sound system for the school to be used during plays and at morning assemblies.

The garden is looking great with all the work that has been done with the grant money.