

Officers Present: Bill Marcus (co-President), Lisa Liotta-Valine (co-President), Brian Mundy (VP Membership), Barnaby Dallas (VP Fundraising) and Susan Hermeston (Secretary).

Meeting opened at 6:35pm on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Bill Marcus.

Welcome.

Principal's messages:

TSC: Sharon Watkins was hired by the district as the TSC. Her first day at Schallenberger was Monday, January 9, 2012.

Transitional Kindergarten: This program is now mandated by the state of California. The age cutoff for kindergarten entry (currently age 5 by December 1) is being moved back to September 1. Beginning with the next school year 2012-13, children who will turn age 5 between September 2 and December 1 will be placed in a Transitional Kindergarten class. Currently there is no funding from the state for this program but the district is moving forward in anticipation that funding will be made prior to the beginning of the next school year. Currently there are plans for a Transitional Kinder class at Schallenberger but this may change.

Library hours: SHSA funded a req with the school district to have an additional .25 position added to the library. This position was not approved by the district and will not be moving forward. Library hours will remain as is for the remainder of the school year.

New Business:

**Joella Kermit informed those attending of a Master Storyteller Program offered by Montalvo Arts Center. She requested \$300 in additional funding from SHSA (which will be added to the Assembly portion of the budget) to fund a program that will bring in a Master Storyteller from Montalvo. This program will allow individual Kinder classes to have time with the Storyteller and the Master Storyteller will also teach techniques and skills to the kinder students. Tina Spano made a motion to add \$300 to the budget, and it was seconded by Jessica Blitchok. All attending voted in favor of the motion.

Binh Le Herrera informed those attending that the 4th grade teachers purchased a large amount of literature via the library budget and wanted to give some of the monies back to SHSA. They were able to purchase quite a few books and were very pleased and thankful.

**Theater Class: When SHSA agreed to fund the Theater Class for 4-5th grades, one class was not included in the headcount and thus the program was underfunded. Kim Cox asked the SHSA board for an additional \$450 to fund for the remaining class. The motion was made and seconded. Those in attendance voted in favor of the motion.

Smart Boards/technology: Bill and Lisa discussed requests for additional technology for classrooms. Several years ago, SHSA funded 4 smart boards for the 5th grade classrooms and media center. The goal was to provide smart boards for 4th grade the following year, 3rd the year after, etc. Those plans fell through with budget cuts and SHSA's decisions to help fund critical staffing positions. Pam Foley was on hand to discuss what is done at the High School level. There was some discussion around the use of iPads and their use in some classrooms. Mrs. Waite and the teaching staff will discuss the best options for technology at Schallenberger, do research and come back to the SHSA community in the next month or so with their findings and their plan.

****Highlight for key motions or action items.**

Fundraising: Barnaby and Kimberly McCarty were on hand to discuss the Gala. It will be held on March 30. There will be a planning session held next Tuesday evening. They informed those attending that there are still many roles to be filled, they are in need of additional help. The goal this year is to raise \$60,000. Last year's gala raised \$51,000.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm.