

Officers Present: Barnaby Dallas (President), Jessica Blitchok (VP Membership), Valerie Yeremin (Treasurer) and Amy Missey (co-Secretary).

Meeting opened at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 9th, 2012 by Barnaby Dallas.

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**President:**

Welcome and Introduction of Dr. Vincent Matthews, SJUSD Superintendent

**Superintendent's Message:** Dr. Matthews spoke about Measure H, which is a School Bond Measure up for vote in November's elections. Measure H, put forth by SJUSD, is a \$290 million bond to upgrade SJUSD school and programs. The cost to home owners is no more than \$28.80/\$100,000 assessed home value. Monies go directly towards local SJUSD schools, and cannot fund administrators salaries, pensions, or benefits; the state cannot take the money. He also briefly mentioned Prop 30, again on the November ballot, that will also raise monies for schools. He noted that if Measure H/Prop 30 do not pass, it is likely that there will be more furlough days, cuts of \$414/student at Schallenberger, and over \$200k from the school budget. More info can be found on the SJUSD website as well as [www.YesonHforLocalSchools.org](http://www.YesonHforLocalSchools.org).

**Treasurer:**

Valerie presented a budget overview. She also noted that SHSA needs to update compliance with insurance requirements. An accountant needs to be found to do an annual review of finances in order to become complaint. Lisa Valine suggested using the Salesforce database to find a parent within the school. If no parent available, then a Review Committee of three parents will also bring SHSA into compliance. Barnaby suggested he, Tina Spano, and Kimberly McCarty form that committee if necessary.

**Fundraising:**

Jessica: The WAT will be on Friday, October 12. Pledges will be accepted until 8:20 am on Friday in order to count towards prizes. Parents are welcome to walk with their students: K/1 begins at 9:05 am and 2-5 from 10-11. So far sponsorship has been doubled vs. last year.

Barnaby: The Fall Festival will also be Friday, October 12 from 5-8pm. Volunteers are still needed for FF, especially the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour. Anyone is welcome to show up and help out. The goal for both events is at least \$70k.

**Principal's message:**

Mrs. Smith: Schallenberger has been awarded a technology grant via SJUSD for computer upgrades. 40 new computers will replace the old ones in the computer lab, and the old computers will be used in the classrooms.

Mrs. Smith said that SELAC has found money in its budget for babysitting.

**New Business:**

Starting Arts: Adrienne Marquette, a Schallenberger parent that works for Starting Arts, gave a presentation of Starting Arts offerings in schools, and various options for Schallenberger. Currently SA works with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in a drama/improv class, and that has been well received by students and teachers. Urther options for Schallenberger could include a full-scale musical, lunchtime workshops in dance, music, etc; afterschool classes in various art/music/drama genres. Cost ranges anywhere from \$2k-\$12k. Barnaby suggested that these options will be explored for next year.

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

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Montalvo Arts: Mrs. Kermit said that the teachers are all excited for Montalvo to being its Artist in Residence program at Schallenberger. The artists will teach 6 lessons/year for each class, as well as development for teachers and assemblies. Classes will include circus arts, theater, instruments, etc. Kinders will likely start prior to Christmas.

Master Gardeners: Tom, speaking for Diana, another Schallenberger parent, stated that the Master Gardener program in San Jose may be able to start a program for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Smith suggested that Diana speak directly with her or the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to see what can be done.

\*\*Motion made by Bill Marcus and seconded by Lisa Valine that SHSA endorse Measure H and Prop 30, and that SHSA can notify parents of the endorsement via email, Facebook, and SHSA website. Motion passed via show of hands. Amy and Jessica will work on verbiage for communications.

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Meeting closed at 7:40pm.