

**Goleta Valley Junior High School
Parent Teacher Association Minutes
Meeting of September 8, 2008**

In Attendance: See Attachment

Nila Shinday welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of the June 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve made by C.J. Miller, seconded by Carrie Hawn. All said Aye.

Principal's Report:

Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) – Veronica discussed the scores for GJVJH. We received a API score of 800 versus 815 the year before. Overall, GV did not pass. However, the groups classified as “latino” and “white” did pass, but the Title 1 and Special Ed groups did not pass. Thus, overall GJVJH did not pass.

Student evaluations/Instruction Support Period (ISP) – A new 36 minute period has been set up on Thursday mornings. The purpose is to help students with deficiencies. It has been assessed that GATE and special ed. students are receiving sufficient support, while college prep students can use more assistance. The ISP period will be used to identify these needs (during the 1st five weeks) and then to address them. For students who don't need additional assistance, enrichment activities will be offered, and these will start during the 2nd 6 week period.

“Welcome to your House” Assemblies – these were held during the first two weeks for the 7th and 8th graders.

Professional Development Days – three have been set for teachers for this year.

Club Week – there are now 20 clubs for students to participate in. One new one is the MESA science club.

Star Test results – Results were mailed to parents/student during the 1st week of school.

Staff Lunch – this was not held today but will be held the 2nd Monday of every month.

Pastries with the Principle – this will be held again the 1st Wednesday of the month, 8:30-9:30 am.

PTA Business and Treasurer's Report:

Old Matters:

- A. Directory: there are still volunteers needed to launch this. It takes about 40-60 hours from one individual in the October-November time frame (per Nila). The Matson family made a \$1,500 donation by participating in the FLUOR Co.s matching donation program. This is expected to cover most of the costs for this school year. Other funding is

requested and may be needed depending on how much the printing costs. In the past Raytheon has helped with the printing. One of the PTA members who is a employee of Ratheon will check into this. It was also decided that all students will receive the directory this year and not just those who parents have joined the PTA, as discussed at last year's meetings.

- B. Safety Issues With Charter School: No discussion/significant news to report..
- C. Coffee Sale: Caribbean Coffee Company: No discussion/no significant news to report.
- D. Electronic Sign for School Front – Nila had a received suggested pricing – 4'x6' - \$4,500, 4'x8' - \$5,200. It was agreed to put it into this year's proposed budget.

New Matters:

2008-09 Budget – this was discussed separately after the main meeting by the Executive Committee.

PTA Membership – Committee Chairs, Kristen Kovacs and Alena Skala, reported that 286 parents have joined the PTA so far, significantly less than joined last year. Kristen and Alena will have further promotion in order to raise membership: have a table at “Back to School Night” and possibly sending a note home. Also, there will be a root beer float party for the house which has signed up the most PTA members. The sign up campaign will go on until the end of October. It was discussed that the Directory could be used to promote the PTA, advertise the activities and items it funds, and to solicit new members.

Beautification – Toni Trumbull has the improvement plan approved. She needs volunteers to help on Sunday, September 20.

Posting of Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting – It was agreed to post the draft minutes and agenda on the website by the 1st Monday of the month.

E-Scrip Chair – Cheri Cox has volunteered to be the new chair. An announcement went out the first week of school to encourage parents to sign up.

New Volunteers – there are several volunteers still needed including member of the Executive Committee (VP of Programs, Auditor, Parliamentarian) and Committee chairs (Care & Share, Dances, Directory, Helper at Large, Honorary Service Awards, Hospitality, Legislative, Newsletter Distribution, e-distribution). If there are any questions about the positions or you find potential candidates, please direct them to Nila.

Auditing of Books – we still need to audit the books for the last school year. The prior year auditor (2006 – 2007) is not able to complete the audit. Stacey Matson and Linda Sessler are working together to resolve this issue. Stacey Matson is considering the hiring of an outside accountant to to prepare the tax return. This is estimated to cost about \$500. She will check into this and report back to the PTA.

Budget Meeting:

Stacey Matson developed a preliminary budget (see attachment). It was based on certain assumptions including the release of funds from prior year balance. We went through the preliminary budget line by line giving her feedback on many of the items. It was agreed that:

- ⇒ Stacey will update the proposed budget and distribute before the next PTA meeting (October 13), and
- ⇒ The Executive Committee will consider for approval the budget at the next PTA meeting.

ATTENDEES:

Lauren	Adler
Susan	Berg
Louise	Blair
Tambra	Boydston
Heidi	Casper
Cherie	Cox
Kim	DeVenne
Russ	Green
Carrie	Hawn
Mary	Hernandez
Kristen	Kovacs
Ginger	Kronman
Mick	Kronman
Bridget	Lewin
Vicki	Lewis
Stacey	Matson
	McCoy-
Barbara	Lawson
C.J.	Miller
Kathy	Randmaa
Veronica	Rogers
Cara	Schipper
Linda	Sessler
Nila	Shinday
Alena	Skala
Anna	Sorensen
Roma	Temkin
Jack	Tiethof
Rose	Trapp
Todd	Trapp
Holly	Wallis
Liesel	Wodtke