

San Mateo Elementary Teachers' Association
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 2009

MINUTES

Call to Order @4:07pm

Minutes: 9/09/09-approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Budget in development

Correspondence: Letter from 4kids chair,
Jean Abeles, thanking SMETA for donation

President's Report

- Committee Update
- School Board Meeting Update
- CTA Member Benefits

Announcements: Reps need to fill out form for school's information regarding Governing Council reps, Organizing reps, etc.-turn in to SMETA office by Oct. 16, 2009
589 members -talk to members at site to join SMETA

- Oct:**
- 7 - Governing Council (4:00 p.m. @ R.R.C.)
 - 14 - Golden Gate Service Center Council (5:30 p.m. @ S.City)
 - 15 - School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m. @ District Office)
 - 21 - Labor/Management Task Force (2:00 p.m. @ District Office)

I. Reports

1.1 President's Report -- See side bar

- Committee Update: Need more members for team of Organizing, Grievance, Election, Social committees and SCOPE-see handout
 - Need a SMETA rep for RTI Task Force
- School Board Meeting Update: Students performed well above state average on Standardized Tests, we met 37/41 criteria for AYP, school district in Program Improvement in 2nd year; 4th school in Foster City. Possible sites include: property adjacent to Government Center, Halibut site, private property in F.C. & S.M., look at schools which might have additional capacity.
- CTA Member Benefits: Share CTA Benefits Brochure with members at site, Provident-a vendor that provides banking support for teachers, ctainvest.org-investment and retirement guide for teachers

1.2 CTA Executive Director's Report – Halimah Mekki

- Members are being asked to vote for High School and Sequoia School District board members if live in those areas
- Will meet with Joan Rosas at end of October to review list of teachers moving from temporary to probationary to permanent status-we will have a list of names in November

1.3 Political Action Committee – Christy Rauch

- September 21, 2009: All candidates invited to endorsement interview on Sept. 21. All candidates came and were interviewed by 7 SMETA members
- At the recommendation of the Interview Team, Executive Board endorsed Ellen Ulrich and Lory Lawson because they evidenced the broadest experience with school district. SMETA members are asked to support the campaign through a variety of activities: complete postcards, participate in Precinct Walks on Saturdays, phone banking, leaflet at school site, and display signs in cars. PAC applied for CTA ABC funds to support election campaigns. Currently in the process of working with CTA on endorsement mailer that would be sent to 13,000 likely voters.

1.4 Organizing – Erin McCoy

- Focus on School Board Election: leafleting, Precinct Walks, and phone banking
- SMETA brochure is in development
- Training for members – definition of SMETA – purpose, goals
- Survey will go out to members to identify what kind of activities they are willing to participate in or committee work they are willing to do
- Volunteer opportunities at Samaritan House during Thanksgiving and Christmas

1.5 State Council Report – Carole Delgado & Nancy Greenberg

- Meeting in October

1.6 Bargaining – Christy

- Interest Based Bargaining Training on November 6, 7, and 11

1.7 SCOPE – Carole

1.8 Parcel Tax –

- Parcel Tax Feasibility Survey found that there was sufficient support, among likely June and mail ballot 2010 voters, for increasing the expiring school parcel tax to \$96.00 per year for 7 years.
- The Parcel Tax currently provides \$3 million to the General Fund and would provide \$6 million with the increase
- Recommendations: to have a mail-in ballot in February.
- Report importance of passage to members...save jobs.

1.9 Facilities Advisory Committee – Christy

- Committee goal is to be finished by November.
- Next meeting committee will look at priorities from architects and district Master Facilities Plan

1.10 Communications –

- Reps continue to be main line of communication – continue to have meetings to give updates, disseminate information, and hear concerns.
- Remind members to check website regularly - Borel created a email blast list for their site

1.11 Professional Development Team – Jim Remington

- Original interest survey for the Feb Professional Development Day was sent out and needed to be returned in 1 day...not enough time to complete
- Another email will go out, encourage members to fill out surveys
- Team will look at survey results to plan for topics based on member interest

1.12 Curriculum & Instruction –

- Make sure that your Liaison representatives are giving reports at staff meetings
- Language Arts: discussed needs at school site to assist with current reading program
- Report Card: Borel having Pinnacle problems, middle schools having problems with inputting grades one day and the next day, they are gone, Lana French mentioned that Board members didn't know any information on this issue, Committee about new software has not met yet.

1.13 Grievance – Jim

- Each site needs a Grievance Rep who can support members with concerns
- Complete form and return to Jim at Bowditch by Oct. 16
- A training will be provided regarding roles, responsibilities, procedures
- IT IS GOVERNING COUNCIL REP'S JOB IF THERE IS NO GRIEVANCE REP

1.14 Social - Carole

II. Old Business

III. New Business

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IV. [Adjournment@5: 23pm](#)

THANK YOU AUDUBON & HIGHLANDS FOR PROVIDING TREATS!