

MARINERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

April 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULED TIMES		ACTUAL TIMES		LOCATION
Start	Stop	Start	Stop	
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	7:06 pm	8:12 pm	Monday, April 2, 2012 Penne Ferrell Theater

ATTENDEES

Officers

X Mike Huntley (Chairman)	X Jaime Weber (Vice President)	X Jana Kalinowski (Secretary)
X Dianne Wells (President)	X Lori Williams (Treasurer)	

Board Members and Committee Chairs

John & Dana Agamalian	X Dave & <u>Jodi</u> Greenberg	X Steve & <u>Catherine</u> Snarr
X David & <u>Leah</u> Belfiore	Jon & Christin Gurka	X Michael & <u>Patricia</u> Stark
X Jason & <u>Meredith</u> Cagle	Alex & Molly Kassouf	X Chris & <u>Nanci</u> Terry
X Brian & Laura Cox	X Bill & <u>Dorothy</u> Leever	Dave & Carrie Williams
X Rick & <u>Jami</u> Delgado	Jon & Valerie Minken	X Todd & <u>Jennifer</u> Woodward
X Brian & <u>Georgina</u> Forbath	John & Georgia Richards	
X Stephanie Henry	X Doug & <u>Melissa</u> Robinson	

Principal/Teacher Liaisons

X Pam Coughlin	Ellen Smith	X Bill Buchman
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Additional Attendees:

Natalie Pickup
Cathy Blue
Grace Hong

MINUTES

1. Welcome (Dianne Wells)

- **Welcome** – Call to Order at 7:06 pm.
- **Annual Spruce Up Day:** Thank you to Laura Cox for coordinating the day. There will be a painting day in August, whether the black top is repaired or not. There was a sign up sheet passed around for an August date.
- **2012-2013 Budget:** The executive board will be meeting in April/May to work on next year's budget. Mrs. Coughlin suggested replacing the teacher's laptops next school year. The cost is about \$2000 per Mac.

2. Reminders (Jana Kalinowski)

- The March minutes were passed.
- If anyone is in need of letterhead or envelopes, please let me know.

3. Treasury Update (Lori Williams)

- **Budget Update:** See binder for actual numbers. We are currently running \$48,000 under budget. We will have \$112,000 in checking after making teacher payments.

4. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Coughlin)**

- **Technology:** A discussion took place regarding why laptops vs. desktops were better for teaching. Mrs. Coughlin asked us to plan on purchasing some new PCs for the students in 2014. She also shared about her visit to Korea and the similarities and differences between our educational systems.

5. **PTA Update (Meredith Cagle)**

- **Jog-A-Thon:** Jog-A-Thon was last Wednesday. The official numbers are not in, but we brought in approximately \$90,000. The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday. Executive board elections will take place and Dr. Gloria Duncan from Ensign Middle School will be guest speaking.
- **Sacramento Safari:** Meredith just returned from Sacramento Safari where the focus is on funding for education.
 - **Common Core Standards:** One of the focuses of the conference was that students should have uniformity across the nation. There is a national movement to standardize curriculum across the country. No funding is provided for the standards, but may still be required in schools.
 - **Initiatives:** There were two big initiatives that were discussed. Both initiatives raise taxes. One is the Governor's initiative to improve schools. The second is the Our Children, Our Future Initiative. PTA is supporting the Molly Munger/Our Children, Our Future Initiative. The first step is to get the initiative on the ballot. They will begin with petitions, then try to get it on the ballot and finally it will have to be voted in. This initiative could result in \$10-11,000,000,000 for schools. If it passes, it could mean \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 more for Mariners in the future. There is an online calculator to help each school figure out how much money they can receive. Meredith then gave a brief explanation why PTA is supporting the 2nd option. She welcomes people to approach her if they have specific questions. If neither initiative passes, there will be "trigger" cuts and funding cuts will result in approximately \$370 less per student. The cuts will mostly happen in categorical funding, with programs such as class-size reduction, Adult Education and Special Education.

6. **Poker Night (Brian Cox)**

- **Details:** Fliers went out today to families and an e-blast was also sent out. They will be using the website for registration and payment, as well as on campus sales. They are also working on publicizing the event on the marquee in front of the school.
Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, bartenders and hostesses. Each school needs to bring 2 cases of wine. Nanci Terry offered to donate the 2 cases. The week of event, there will be a meeting to get all the volunteers together.
Food: As of now, they have BBQ tri-tips and chicken, guacamole and chips, and cornbread.
- **Prizes:** Each school needs to bring in 3 prizes. Dana Agamalian has offered to donate one.
- **Ticket Sales:** On campus and online sales will be available. Brian asked that we make sure that that we make sure we check the Mariners box on the form, so we get credit for our school.

7. **Art Walk (Nanci Terry, Lori Williams, Jen Woodward)**

- **Details:** The logo is finished and underwriting letters are ready. There will be an e-blast sent soon. TK Burger and Wahoo's are committed for food donations. Laura Cox will supplement the rest of the food. We are using the ENC's bartenders with all costs included, it will cost around \$2300. We will hopefully have access to the venue the night before, so we can drop off projects. Danielle DeProsperis in charge of ticket sales. The Swinging Tikis will provide the entertainment.
- **Parent Art:** They are looking to really get more support in this area of the event. Nanci and Lori asked that each member find one person to participate in the Parent Art.

8. **Independence Day (Georgia Richards and Dorothy Leever)**

- **Sponsorship:** Sponsorship packets were disbursed for members to see if they can find any interested parties.

- **Vendors:** So far, we have confirmation that Chronic Tacos, Maui Ice, South Coast Pizza, TK Burgers, Yogurtland, Core Reform and Debbie Bradbury are all returning to the event.
- **Event:** Based on three quotes received, Jolly Jumps returned the cheapest quote. We will be using their services again.

9. Ralphs (Stephanie Henry)

- There are 215 families enrolled this year. There will be an e-blast going out soon.

10. Internet Safety Lecture (Melissa Robinson)

- **Keeping Your Kids Safe on the Internet:** On April 18, at 7-8:30 pm, we will be hosting an internet safety lecture. Melissa is asking for our attendance. It is a free lecture. Melissa's suggestion is to not have children with you. There will be references to inappropriate websites, so there is a PG-13 rating for content. She is also working on inviting other schools to attend.

11. MESF Goals/Ideas (Dianne Wells)

- **Annual Funds:** Set goals and communicate to community via on site and website.
- Establish Mariners Elementary School Alumni Association
- Create a "brand" name for Fall Fundraiser
- MESF website

Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 7, 7:00 pm, in the Penne Ferrell Theater.