



MVSEG Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 – Draft

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1. Welcome and Introductions

MVSEG Co-Presidents David Kent and Craig Jaffe called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

2. General Business:

- a. Minutes. The Minutes from the previous MVSEG meeting were approved as submitted. The May Minutes include the list of Officers and Board Members who were elected for the upcoming school year.
- b. PTA Report.
Family Fun Night is coming up. There will be ice cream, good times, and no rain. Marcia Haresh is the new PTA President.
- c. Treasurer's Report. Mike Spector provided a summary as we wind up the school year. We have about \$180,000 in the bank, plus about \$10,000 in SCRIP. Net receipts are \$241,000 and spending is expected to end up at \$244,000. Mike presented the year-to-date Treasurer's Summary Sheet.

Treasurer's Report Summary, Year-to-Date, June 10, 2009

Net Receipts:		Program Expenditures:	
Phone-a-thon	\$76,835	Music Teacher + Assemblies + Chorus	\$28,169+\$2,735+\$126
Silent Auction	\$66,390	Visual Arts Teacher + Materials	\$12,105+\$1,578
Gift Wrap	\$24,083	Playground	\$2,226
Spell-a-thon	\$19,206	ETC	\$4,703
Scrip	\$8,083	Kinder Aides	\$35,981
Big Boo Raffle	\$10,051	PE Instructor	\$15,080
Big Boo Other	\$2,826	Computer Instructor	\$25,905
Power Broker	\$2,400	Teachers' Aides	\$1,648
Talent show DVD sales	\$1,212	Reading Specialist	\$4,957
Spirit Wear	\$2,957	Student Activities Coordinator	\$9,736
Other Donation	\$2,655	Tutoring Coordinator + Homework Club	\$11,218+\$968
Interest Income	\$2,904	Science Aide + Supplies	\$14,489+\$822
Tile Program	\$21,462	Teacher Funds and Staff Devt.	\$2,458+\$6,900
Library Bookshelf Donations	\$200	Field Trips	\$2,504
		Community Day	\$2,700
		Landscape Maintenance	\$1,560
Balances:		Dolphin News	\$1,559
Cash Balance:	\$191,453	Kinder Picnic	\$493
Scrip-on-hand:	\$10,602	Misc. Admin. + Publicity + Web Site	\$2,215+\$92+\$177

d. Principal's Report

Ms. Weinstock reported on the following topics:

- Parent Thank you. Ms. Weinstock started with a big thank you to all the parents for their support of the school. She recognized that there are a lot of demands on parents these days and this level of support is not easy.
- Play Structure. The play structure is up and running. All the inspections have been completed and passed. All the classroom teachers and playground supervisors have had



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training on the proper use of the equipment. LAUSD gave us little choice about the design of the structure – this was one of the few standard designs they provide.

- Class Size. The class size will likely increase to 24 students per class next year in Grades K through 3.
- Teacher Lay Offs. The teachers on probationary status (having 1 or 2 years experience) have been given Reduction in Force notices. Many other LAUSD employees are also displaced— 2,200 math coaches, English coaches, teachers, and others. Four of our teachers have been given RIF notices: Ms. Lynch, Ms. Valdez, Ms. Katlin King, and Mr. Mailander. As of June 14, placements will be made and we have enacted a quick review committee of teachers and parents to interview prospects. Overall we will lose 4 teachers and gain 2 back. So far we have selected two replacement teachers that are very skilled. This is no substitute for the loss of the existing teachers, but it is the best we can do. And all of this is uncertain and can be reversed by the LAUSD Board.
- Ms. Kennerly, our well-loved Second Grade teacher of many years, is retiring. She made many contributions to the school, including a special interest in music in the classroom. [Many thanks and we will miss you!]
- Classes Next Year. At this point, Ms. Weinstock is forecasting that there will be 5 Kindergarten classes, 5 first grade, 4 second grade, 4 third grade, 3 fourth grade, three fifth grade, 1 MR, and 2 high functioning autism classes with children mainstreamed all day.
- Graduate Placements. There were 17 children accepted to magnet schools, but only 2 are going to attend.
- Enrollment. There is now a wait list of 40 or 50 students to get into the school on permit. About 24 students have been enrolled so far on permit. We need 432 students in K through 3rd Grade to hold on to the 18 teachers we have. In addition Ms. Weinstock mentioned that she was going to try to get extra teaching support of some sort in the younger grades because special needs children will be mainstreamed in addition to the maximum of 24 students per class next year.
- Grass for Playground. LAUSD will not know which of the artificial turf products will be approved until next Fall.
- Filming. Another studio will be filming on campus for five days. LAUSD and Mar Vista Elementary School get money in return.
- Chinese School. The school continues to rent classroom space to the Chinese School, which meets on Saturdays, earning Mar Vista \$1,500 per month.

Ms. Weinstock wished all the parents a wonderful summer.

e. Teachers Report

Ms. Weinstock introduced Ms. Stewart (2nd Grade), Ms. Masuoka (2nd Grade), and Kathy King (2nd Grade). Ms. King recently wrote a charming song that teachers sang at the Volunteer Lunch. All three teachers thanked MVSEG for their support at the school. [And than you teachers!].

3. MVSEG Business:

a. Acknowledgements

Co-Presidents David Kent and Craig Jaffe conducted the annual ceremony to acknowledge MVSEG members who have contributed a lot this year:

Lillian Matayoshi

Melanie Rhalter



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Marcia Haresh

Janice Senit

Mike Spector

Bill Bedecarre

Robert Gonzalez

Lynne Gonzalez

Bobby Mustol

Jenny Carillo

Jennifer Nickerson

Duane Matayoshi

Joey Brandt

Pammela Jackson

Jim Barrie

Chris Denari

Harriet Yoergler

Jasmine Jaffe

George Hayashibara

David Kent

Elsa Shekelle

Suzi Spear

Jill Roe

Andy Trilling

Kathy Brisacher

Rosi Kent

Karen Hankel

Alex Gardos

Leah Malika

Erica Lewis

Jennifer Boulanger

Lillian Matayoshi

Brenda Weinstock

Craig Jaffe

And special awards for those who are graduating from the school and who have done so much:

- Jim Barrie for his work as Treasurer and more
- Lynne Gonzalez for work on the Big Boo Raffle and more
- Robert Gonzalez for his work on Banners, the Board, Dolphin News and more
- Kathy Brisacher for her work on SCRIP, Silent Auction, and all other committees
- Randy Bannon for her work on Class Photo Library, Kinder Aide, and much more.

- b.** SCRIP. There are lots of reloadable cards now from many vendors and these are much easier to use because they can be reloaded on-line with a few clicks. Kathy Brisacher is transitioning the SCRIP work to Chris Martinez who is the contact this summer if you want to buy SCRIP.
- c.** Programs. Melanie Rhalter reported that a teacher survey has been completed and there is a wealth of information we can use to help shape our programs. For example, in technology, the program, teaching needs, equipment needs vary from grade to grade. Having the guidance and feedback from the teachers helps us find the best way to use our resources to improve the program. The Art Museum was a big success and another example of creative minds and hard work coming together on the Program Committee.
- d.** New Family Picnic. August 29 is the date set for Kindergarten and other new families to be welcomed to Mar Vista Elementary. There will be food, drinks, and a prize. They need volunteers; the time commitment is short and the picnic is a great time.
- e.** School Cents. We ended the year in 4th place earning the school \$1,500. Many thanks to Lillian Matayoshi for managing the School Cents program!
- f.** Shop-to-Earn. Chris Denari explained the program is up and running. They have earned \$1.74 so far, but this program promises to be a substantial fundraiser as people learn about it (shoptoearn.net/mvseg). Staples, Office Depot and many big names are on line. The program complements SCRIP in that it is strictly on-line, while SCRIP uses gift cards.



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- g. Budget Proposal for 2009-2010. David Kent and Craig Jaffe presented a summary of notable items proposed for next year's MVSEG budget:
- A total of \$256,037 is in the proposed budget's Expenditures and \$219,500 in Revenues. The proposed budget exceeds projected revenues because some items are typically not spent at the full budget level, and because the budget serves to communicate important goals set by the Board.
 - One such goal is the replacement of the grass and dirt in the middle of the school yard with artificial turf that can handle the high traffic volume. MVSEG will be investigating alternatives and planning through the year, as well as seeking grants or other funding sources.
 - Staff development in the budget is set to zero this year because the Sprit Series and other items are being funded from other sources.
 - Budgets have been increased so that enrichment sessions have longer blocks – Art, Science, P.E., etc.
 - The Tile Program will continue this year – it raised \$21,462 in net revenues last year.
 - Traditionally, the budget includes zero for grants because their awards are uncertain. Ms. Weinstock mentioned there is training support available to send teachers to a 5 day grant writing workshop, which would strengthen teachers' skills and strength their collaboration with MVSEG.

MVSEG Vote: A motion was made to approve next year's budget as presented in the accompanying tables presented at the meeting. Approved.

Other Business.

- Next year the Dolphin news coordinator will be Cerentha Harris. [Thank you!]
- They are now looking for photos of students in activities funded by MVSEG for the Fall Brochure they are putting together. Please send to Harriet Yoergler or Cerentha Harris.
- MVSEG celebrated a Happy Birthday for Jasmine Jaffe and Kathy Brisacher.

4. Announcements:

Upcoming Meetings and Other Dates:

- Next MVSEG Meetings: July 8th at Casa Castlenuovo-Tedesco, 3633 Mountain View Ave.
August 12th Casa Jaffe, 3412 Keeshen Drive

5. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



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At the meeting

Barrie, Jim
Bill Bedecarre
Brandt, Joey
Brisacher, Kathy
Bohmer, Lisa
Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Carin
Conner, Mary
Czerny, Claudine
Damberg, Cheryl
Denari, Chris
Gonzalez, Lynne
Gonzalez, Robert
Hankel, Karen
Harris, Cerentha
Herold, Liz

Jaffe, Craig
Jaffe, Jasmine
Kent, David
Kent, Rosi
King, Kathy
Masuoka, Linda
Nickerson, Jennifer
Pekelney, David
Rhalter, Melanie
Sakamoto, Leanne
Senit, Janice
Stewart, Yvonne
Spector, Mike
Weinstock, Brenda
Yoergler, Harriet