

April 30, 2010
Mamaroneck High School

PT Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Cindy Habig at 9:20 a.m.

- I. Vote for PTC to Endorse the Budget Approved by BOE
 - a. All units voted to endorse the budget and in an instructed vote, PTC unanimously agreed to endorse the budget.
- II. Efforts to Get the Budget Passed
 - a. Ads for budget. Concurrence around the table that PTC should do its own ad this year rather than a joint ad with the MTA. Agreement that ad for community should be more factual and flyer for parents more a stronger appeal to vote yes. The draft flyer was reviewed and everyone had an opportunity to give comments/suggestions/concerns. Changes ranged from the headline to how you write about cuts and contingency budget. Melany will send around next draft. Budget sub-committee meeting at 1:30 on Monday, 5/3—all welcome to attend. Ad will be placed in Sound and Town, Larchmont Gazette and Patch.
 - b. Anne LoBue is helping anyone who needs help drafting a letter to the editor. Looking for four types of letters to be written: (1) letter that a no vote won't fix the system, (2) letter that states community was heard and considered, (3) letter from someone who does not have children in the schools who supports the budget and (4) letter from someone who does not have children in the schools yet but moved here because of schools and supports the budget.
 - c. Discussion about how to get families with pre-k kids to vote on budget. The district has a database of families with incoming K so we will arrange to have flyers sent to them.
 - d. Units asked to put budget blurb in weekly communications from now until budget vote. MAS will take care of any translating that needs to be done.
 - e. Voting Day—some schools have events, i.e., MAS has Family Book Night, Chatsworth has Incoming Kindergarten orientation, Murray has a speaker in the morning and a choir concert at night, Central has book fair.
 - f. Phone Banking (Laurie Girsky) Phone bank will be at Houlihan Lawrence on Mon 5/10, Tues 5/11 and Wed 5/12. Laurie will forward e-mail to presidents and asked that it be forwarded to exec board members. Do not have to ask people to vote yes but can just remind people to vote. Need volunteers to man phones.

- g. Train Station- Lynne will ask Carol Scheffler to get students to volunteer to hand out flyers at the train station on Voting Day
- h. Tiger Bytes- put in a blurb to remind students who have turned 18 to register to vote.
- i. Get some flyers to nursery schools to be handed out to parents.
- j. Group decided that buttons are not important.
- k. Elementary principals will remind parents of incoming kindergarteners that voting on the budget is taking place on May 18 (the same evening as the Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting).
- l. Give those registered voters who have not come to the polls by a certain time a reminder phone call.

III. Slate for PTC Officers presented

- a. Tracy Owen presented slate for next year: Melany Gray President, Jennifer Malherbe President-elect, Lori Herbsman Secretary, and Kristine Budhill Treasurer. Motion to approve slate was seconded and approved. PTC is looking to fill Communications, Legislation/Teacher Institute and Diversity Liason positions.

IV. Calendar for 2010-11 (Debbie Manetta)

- a. Debbie e-mailed instructions for inputting dates into calendar. Melany will e-mail dates of PTC meetings.

V. Board Updates (Rick Marsico)

- a. Rick thanked everyone for efforts in connection with the budget. The meeting on 5/4 will start at 6:30 and the first hour, the Board will be discussing the material options for the in-fill for the field. The rubber Board is considering is not crumb rubber.
- b. Board visits to school went great this year.
- c. Meeting on 5/11 will start at 6 and cover facilities use fees.
- d. Meeting on 5/18 will start at 6:30 and cover department goals.

VI. Teacher Institute

- a. There is information on-line about professional development that the teachers have been doing, including publishing articles in professional journals. TI is making a push to let the community know about the other work that teachers are doing. TI could not get the course catalog out to the community this year but hopes to next year. Some classes may be open to the public next year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Rozansky

In Attendance:

PTC: Cindy Habig, Co-President, Melany Gray, Co-President; Laurie Girsky, Communications; Laurie Lee, Technology, Rina Beder, Legislation/Teacher Institute

MHS: Lynne Buly, Sherri Rozansky, Co-Presidents

Central: Jennifer Malherbe, Pam Buchmueller, Co-Presidents

Chatsworth: Joan Capaldi, Laura Livaccari, Co-Presidents

Mamaroneck Avenue: Jennifer Vaccaro Co-President

Murray Avenue: Ann LoBue, Tracy Owen, Co-Presidents

SEPTA: Cecilia Absher, Amy Lieberman, Co-Presidents

District: Debbie Manetta, Director of Communications

School Board Liaison: Rick Marsico

