

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HOPE SCHOOL PTA**

JANUARY 20, 2010

The PTA president, Dana Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dana Huffman, Dr. Dan Cooperman, Janet Longpre, Yolanda Cate, Theresa Yinger, Jennifer Brannon, Willow Walker, Holly Eubank, Laura Habecker

Minutes of the November 2009 meeting were reviewed.

The minutes were approved with one correction, the Santa Barbara public library wants a new children's section.

Laura Habecker motioned to approve the minutes.

Janet Longpre seconded the motion.

Dr. Dan Cooperman, Superintendent of Hope School District, presented information about a bond measure being considered for the June ballot. Property taxes would not be increased. A previous bond measure which increased property taxes is scheduled to expire in 2027. It would be extended and expire in 2053. Homeowners are currently paying \$9/\$100,000. The revenue brought in by this proposed bond measure could total as much as 7.9 million dollars. The money would be used for the following projects:

- 1) Solar Panels (photovoltaic) – This would reduce the electricity bill which is currently \$80,000/year. The electricity bill would be reduced to \$20,000. (for entire district)
- 2) Remodel Monte Vista library
- 3) Modernize MPR at Vieja Valley
- 4) Invest money in the technology program district wide
- 5) Ventilation

Financial Report

The treasurer now has a lap top computer.

1099s were sent out.

No checks.

Principal's Report

- Graduated 5th graders from DARE program.
- Composting coming soon. A group of 6th graders are making a training video.

- Monthly bike/walk to school will be the first Wednesday of the month.
- Tammy Shorb will be coming back to Hope to do student teaching.
- New math program, teachers district wide will get together to discuss. Remember to practice math facts as a family by playing games.
- Reminder: Do not put tape on walls for posters. To solve this problem, grip strips will be put up.
- Survey: Can be accessed on website. Please complete, will take only 15-20 minutes.
- Spread word to people with incoming Kindergarteners: registration begins 2/23/10.

Committee Reports

89% to goal for Raising Hope, matching funds received totaled \$6,000. The anonymous donor may do this again.

Holly reports that \$456 profit was received from the fundraiser selling poinsettias, garland and wreaths. Lessons learned; pre-order early to get discounts, target week after Thanksgiving, and sell to businesses

Hope School Christmas boutique brought in \$700 profit.

Rummage Sale – First Annual will be May 15th, 8-2 p.m. There will be coffee, a bake sale and all grades will participate.

A fundraiser involving parents/adults is being planned. May be a wine and cheese event with low overhead.

Casserole Fundraiser – This fundraiser will take place the week before super bowl Sunday.

Shelley Meaney and Josie Devine have volunteered to organize the walk and roll-a thon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.