



MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee

Chairs: Kate Anderson and Babak Nahid

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DRAFT MINUTES: Sunday, April 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by co-chairs Kate Anderson and Babak Nahid at 10:30 AM.

In attendance were: Jeanne Kuntz, Rick Salen, Stephanie Wexler, Sharon Commins, Babak Nahid, Albert Olsen, Sarah Auerswald, Gary Kamisher, Marianne Brown and Annetter Mercer

- Introductions were made and public comments offered. Jeanne Kuntz offered her services as a personal coach to provide support to teachers in dealing with the problems in the schools. Rick Selan commented that teachers have a lot of influences on changes.
- The minutes will be posted at marvista.org
- Stephanie Wexler representing the Mar Vista Library asked for help with funding for books and bringing used books for a book sale. The Library may accept gift certificates from Barnes and Noble book store. It may need to go through "Friends of the Library". Albert made a motion That the MVCC would like to give a grant to the Library to purchase books up to \$2000. Sarah approved the motion and Rick Selan seconded. Stephanie and Carol will complete the Community Improvement Grant application and it will go before the board by June. Sarah suggested the Library and MVCC put out a notice to all the schools.
- Kate proposed to bring used books to the May 11 board meeting. This will be placed on the MVCC web site and posted in the Argonaut
- Sharon lead a discussion on the proposal of the LAUSD school busses to be housed at Webster Middle School. It was discussed in the Plum committee said Zimmer had verbally said that it is not moving forward. She also indicated we need to address the state as this is public school grounds. Marianne Brown suggested a legal challenge to mobilize Sacramento to restrict rezoning of this land .
- Re: Youth participation at MVCC, Babak, Kate and Albert commented on some ways to explore best way to move forward to encourage youth participation and representation. The committee will continue discussing the idea in the next meeting when a youth leader from Venice High School is expected to attend.
- The Education Summit date available at the MV rec center is June which is too soon to engage the panel. An alternate date of October is suggested. The goal is to help parents better navigate the school system and its crises and to reach Spanish speaking parents .
- There was a discussion on the progress of the outreach to schools and continuing to further develop an area contact list.
- Future agenda items requested include Mark Twain issues, Venice Robotics request, and better outreach to parents.