



# Camarillo Academy of Progressive Education

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DATE: February 26, 2009

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: CAPE School  
777 Aileen Street  
Camarillo, CA 93010

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## MINUTES

**Board Members present:** Chris Parker, Ada Lee Sullivan, Gloria Miele, Judith Laurentowski and Jill Mcrory.

**Non-Board Members present:** Superintendent/Principal Janet Kanongata'a, Vice-Principal Maryellen Lang, Director of Operations Doreen Learned, teacher Camille Kavon, and several students and parents representing the Geo Bowl and Spelling Bee.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Parker at 6:30 p.m. Catie Parker led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda** Chris Parker suggested that items 4, 5, & 6 be moved behind #7 on the agenda. Jill McCrory motioned to make the changes on the agenda and Ada Lee Sullivan seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Address:** Steve Gama from OUHSD addressed the board about CAPE hosting a Taco Night similar to last year's event. He said we would ask the culinary students from Pacifica High School to participate. Board members expressed support in the event, asking Mr. Gama to work with Admin to set a date.

The CAPE winners for the Geo Bowl and Spelling Bee were honored by the board. CAPE was the only middle school to participate in the Geo Bowl. Peggy Smith and Mark McCarthy from the Pleasant Valley Education Foundation presented Camille Kavon with a grant check from PVEF, which she used to purchase a geography-based, school-wide program.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Parker motioned to approve the minutes from the December meeting and Ada Lee Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Closed Session:** The Board closed the meeting for its closed session.

**Closed Session Announcement:** When the Board returned from Closed Session, Chris Parker announced that the school accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Calawa, who resigned to pursue a full-time job. Gloria Miele motioned to approve the resignation and Ada Lee Sullivan seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

**Superintendent's Report:** Janet Kanongata'a passed out material from the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium and explained their mission. She reported on Jeff Roberts' progress with the lockers for the middle school. She reported on the recent parent question-and-answer session with the PTSO. She intends to put out the next edition of her Superintendent's newsletter soon. The writing test is coming up for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and she – along with Maryellen Lang and Doreen Learned - will be attending the Charter School Conference in mid-March in Long Beach. Maryellen Lang, Doreen Learned and 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher Heather Liddell are involved in the Zoom program.

**PTSO Report:** Kay Ito reported that the Spiritwear has arrived. Several activities are coming such as Day with the Author, and Turn off TV night. The mini courses are all filled, the question-and-answer night was very much appreciated, and PTSO will have a breakfast for new parents on March 13. A recap of the election process was done.

**Board Members Report:** Chris Parker reported on Pasta Palooza and said it was a big success. It was a great fundraiser; the post-event meeting was very helpful in planning for next year. The 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade World Wide Restaurant was an impressive example of what makes CAPE unique.

Ada Lee Sullivan also enjoyed Pasta Palooza where she met so many people.

Gloria Miele supervised students from the middle school for Pasta Palooza and said it was great. She attended Mrs. K's question and answer session and said she would love to see it scheduled more often. A handful of Cinemagic kids from CAPE were on the Bob Taylor radio show. There is a fundraiser for AAUW's Women in History at Presto Pasta. She passed around a flyer that had been distributed to parents in the Las Colinas/Tierra Linda area warning of inappropriate behavior by an adult in that area of east Camarillo. Janet Kanongata'a promised to distribute "Stranger Danger" reminders to CAPE families.

Jill McCrory enjoyed the staff/student basketball game and would like to do it again. She and Camille Kavon attended a conference for teaching gifted students.

Judith Laurentowski appreciated the ideas that were brought back from the GATE conference. GATE activities are imbedded in CAPE's curriculum. She has received more donated books from a librarian in Moorpark.

**Action Items:** The 2009-2010 calendar draft was distributed. Janet Kanongata'a explained about Camp Invention which will be held on our campus for one week from June 22-26. Judith Laurentowski made a motion to accept the 2009-2010 calendar as presented and Jill McCrory seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Maryellen Lang explained the Family Life Series hand outs. Gloria Miele made a motion to approve the Family Life Series program as presented and Ada Lee Sullivan seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Regarding evolution, Maryellen Lang explained that the state standards stipulate teaching only what is in the books without supplementation. Jill McCrory motioned that CAPE will teach evolution as part of the state standard and Judith Laurentowski seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

The Administrative staff presented a revised salary schedule. The only change to the current schedule is an approximately 2.4 percent increase for those in the 33+ years category. It would only affect one teacher currently at CAPE. Ada Lee Sullivan moved to accept the revised salary schedule for 2009-10 and Gloria Miele seconded it. It was passed 3-0, with abstentions from Jill McCrory and Judith Laurentowski.

A draft of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report was discussed but no vote was taken.

**Non-Action Items:** Janet Kanongata'a reported that even with the State "finalizing" revised budgets for 2008-09 and 2009-10, nothing is definite because of numerous provisions that must still be approved by voters. She discussed the possibility of class sizes being changed by school districts in the area, including at PVSD. CAPE is currently at 20-1 (students-teachers) in grades K-3, and has to consider the financial ramifications of moving to 24-1 if that's what PVSD does. Chris Parker suggested that Administration prepare a clear explanation of CAPE plans in relation to PVSD to be made public at an upcoming board meeting.

**Items for Future Consideration:** A special meeting will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 to review the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report. The next board meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. It was suggested that the girls who participated in Women in History be invited to the next board meeting. It was suggested that the fall and winter sport participants be invited also. Gloria Miele suggested another evening meeting; possibly in April.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.