

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for October 14, 2008

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Liz James

The meeting began with introductions around the room. Sophomore Class ASB President was present at the meeting

- Liz James - President of Prospect PTSA
- Cindy Collins - Treasurer of Prospect PTSA
- Matthew T. Dean – CUHSD School Board member
- Pamela Emehara (spelling?) – Parent
- Becky Brownson – Parent and Music Boosters Parent Representative
- Tiffany de Groot – Moreland Middle School (MMS) Representative and acting Secretary of Prospect PTSA
- Michelle – Parent
- Sue Redhead – Parent Volunteer Co-ordinator of Prospect PTSA
- Heather Jevens – Parent
- Liz Fitzins (Spelling?) – Grandmother
- Linda Neuman - Vice president of Prospect PTSA
- Diane Burbank – Principal of Prospect High School
- Elisa - Parent
- Christine Berube – Health Teacher at Prospect High School

Minutes: The minutes from the September 14, 2008 PTSA meeting were reviewed.

- Motion made to approve minutes as is. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy Collins indicated that PTSA received money from T-Shirt sales and also received bills to restock the T-shirts for homecoming.

Donations exceeded expectations for membership drive.

New news on Scrip front from Luckys. Luckys went back to the old Prospect cards that you can use without registering them. Once Cindy gets the new cards she will do a push in the Daily Bulletin to distribute the cards. At that point the Luckys cards will be available for pick-up in either the school office or the library.

Script page went out in the last Panther Paws newsletter. Some of the parents didn't get the Panther Paws in the mail. The school will check into this and try to resolve the problem.

The signature cards for the Prospect PTSA bank accounts and the Prospect Grad Night account need to be reviewed and updated. The Prospect PTSA card itself is ok, but we need to add people for the Grad Night Acct to put people on the list and change the address to reflect the Prospect High School address.

The changes requested are as follows:

Regarding updating of signatures of Prospect Grad Night Checking account – Account number 202436317:

- 1) Remove 3 names from the current signature card.
 - a. Pamela Guetschow
 - b. Kathy Claus
 - c. Karen Hauschildt
- 2) Add 2 new names
 - a. Laura Lien
 - b. Liz James
- 3) Change the mailing address on account to “Prospect High School”
 - a. 18900 Prospect Road, Saratoga, CA 95070

The new signature card will have 3 names total:

Cindy Collins
Laura Lien
Liz James

Prospect PTSA account will remain the same – signatures and Prospect address

Cindy Collins
Liz James
Carl Yanari

A motion was made to make the aforementioned changes. The motion was seconded and approved. The motion to change the Prospect Grad Night Checking account signatures and addresses was approved.

Student Report

- Homecoming is coming up.
 - Each class is doing banners, skits, forming powder puff teams, and have their own class T-shirts.
 - Class T-Shirts will be available next week
 - Homecoming T-shirts will also be available next week for \$10.
 - T-shirts will be long sleeve similar to the Panther Pack T-shirts
 - This is the 40th Homecoming for Prospect High School
- ASB hosted a breakfast for teachers to get to know the teachers better.
- Starting the Celebrating successes program
 - Will pick a student of the week and a student of the month.
 - Students get prizes.

Teacher's Report

- No new news to report
- Received quite a lot of Kleenex from Back-to-School night.
 - There was a great response from the parents to help with tissues
- Question: Can we do something at the Homecoming game to get donations for something that the teachers could use at the school?
 - Suggestion: Canned food drive is occurring this week, through the end of October. We can ask for canned food to be brought to the Homecoming game. Cultural Exchange club is doing the food drive and they can organize collection stations at the game.

Principal's Report

- Construction
 - Artificial Turf Field
 - Workers have been working on the weekends to get the artificial field in.... it's a bit dusty.
 - We expect to be able to have athletes on new artificial surface by October 27th.
 - Currently sowing in some of the lines.
 - Initially the field will be used for field hockey and soccer.
 - Four soccer teams will have to share the field for the winter sports season (Men's Varsity and J/V, and Women's Varsity and J/V).
 - Working on a plan to co-ordinate the two fields (stadium and back field) between the four teams
 - Have worked with the city of Saratoga and the community for extended time for lighting of the stadium field
 - We can have the lights on for 4 additional evenings this year.
 - Haven't gotten complaints about the lights so far this year.
 - The field will not yet be used by PE classes.
 - Coaches will meet athletes and will walk them out to the field as a group.
 - Baseball/Softball fields
 - Reseeding both fields. Coaches will meet athletes and will walk out as a group onto the field. Have worked with the city of Saratoga and the community and we can have the lights on for 4 additional days. Haven't gotten complaints about the lights so far this year. Workers have been working on the weekends to get the artificial field in.... it's a bit dusty.
- Curriculum and school calendar.
 - We are 7 weeks into the school year.
 - Students have received 6 weeks grades
 - There will be a donuts and milk celebration for students with perfect attendance and possibly students on Honor Roll.
 - The students that earned a 3.25 gpa and above are on Honor Roll and will have their names listed in the Parent Page of the Panther Paws newsletter.

- Life lessons and character lessons.
 - Working with the coach to make sure that the sports teams scores are reported to the newspapers for printing.
 - It is traditionally the winning team that reports the score of the game.
 - We have having a winning season for field hockey.
 - All sports in fall are no-cut sports.
 - Winter season are cut sports.
 - Liz James has comment for athletic teams.
 - Practice...2 x 2.5 hour practice versus academics.
 - Her son was looking forward to doing wrestling but the amount of time required for practices was a concern.
 - District Representative (Matthew Dean) commented that he thought that it should be a rule that if you had a sport then you didn't have to do PE.
 - Currently, participating in sports are still required to take PE.
 - He suggested that we write to legislators to see if we can get the rule changed to the above.
 - Schedules are tough
 - Kids have to set priorities.
- Possible changes to Tutorial
 - Investigation going on at Prospect and District
 - Trying to change tutorial to the middle of the day and make it study hall, so that all the students can get more help from the teachers.
 - Teachers are focusing on this and could create a system to make it easier to have kids to do their work during the day and be more likely to have help available to them.
 - This would also enable the students to attend other clubs that they can get involved with.
- Table tennis clubs meet at Tuesdays in lunch.

District Representative Report

- Possible changes to Tutorial
 - Talks going on about where to put the tutorial.
 - Need to talk to teachers union.
 - District would like to include this as a Program Improvement.
 - API scores etc.
 - Details of statistics show that there is a lot of progress on a lot of fronts in the district.
 - Work in progress to close achievement gap between lots of groups.
 - Standards are starting to move up.
 - Every school will land in program improvement by 2014.
- CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)
 - Chose to measure against students tested in Sophomore year only.
 - Should be testing each year to see where the progress is.
- Suggested the best thing we could all do is stay involved with the students.
- Parcel Tax for CUHSD
 - Renewal of a current parcel taxes (not an increase to parcel tax)

Board Member's Report

- Sue Redhead indicated that the district has assigned a Tech Person to help the teachers: G. Long glong@cuhsd.org
 - She'd like to help any teacher that is not currently doing school look to set up an their school loop account and settings.
 - Teacher rep that helps other teachers set up homework on school loop is: Steven Smith ssmith@cuhsd.org.
- Any teacher that needs help setting up school loop should contact one of the two persons above.

NEW BUSINESS

Open House (3rd Annual)

- October, November, December is when parents are trying to consider which high schools to send their 8th graders to.
- Prospect High School Open house is Wednesday October 29th from 1 to 5.
 - Need parents to conduct tours.
 - It's all about selling Prospect HS.
 - Suggested a brochure... facts that you didn't know about Prospect.
 - Need to advertise the programs/opportunities for students that don't have other opportunities.
 - Some of the teachers have master degrees.....would be good to have a listing of selling points for the teachers.
 - Timing for open house coincides with open houses for private schools.
- Have received requests for 8th graders to shadow Prospect students.
 - Need to get the word out as to how this can be done.
 - Get word into MMS Mustang Messenger
 - Will discuss this at the H&SC meeting.
 - Instructions can also be added to the website.
- In February Prospect Music does a concert with the MMS and EDS 8th grade students.

Grade Night Deposit Issue (Linda Neuman)

- "RSVP Events Center" in Sunnyvale (Kieffer Road) was company that was used for Grad Night last year
 - Company declared Bankruptcy
 - Had to shift the location of last years Grad Night at the last minute due to loss of a facilities permit.
 - Did not return the \$1000 cleaning deposit that should have been returned to Prospect High School
 - Paid a \$2500 deposit last year for this years upcoming Grad Night
 - Did not return the money to Prospect High School
 - Total of \$3500 in lost fees that should have been returned to Prospect High School.

- Linda would like to go to Small Claims court to get the money back. She has the complaint ready to go, but she needs \$50 from H&SC to get the ball rolling.
 - Name of Company: “RSVP Events Center” in Sunnyvale (Kieffer Road).
 - Linda would like to request a \$50 check made to Santa Clara County Superior court for Tara and William Benjamin dba RSVP Events Center, be written so she can take the case to Small Claims Court.
 - A Motion was made to take the above action. The motion seconded and approved.

Music boosters

- Snack Shack problems
 - At the last football game, couldn't keep up with hot water
 - By the end of the night there wasn't any water available.
 - Water pressure was extremely low.
 - Blew fuses because lights are on the same fuses.
 - Can the Music Boosters who run the snack shack have access to cooking room to cart hot water back and forth?
 - Yes
 - Principal put a work order in for the water pressure, the lights and the scoreboard.
 - Work order was put in after the first game.
- Recycling
 - Would like to see us setting up recycling bins at the games and they all go into the garbage.
 - In order for the system to work need covers on trash cans.
 - Regular trash cans that are the same color blue as recycle cans.
 - Want to get recycling program kicked-off at the November 3rd staff meeting
 - Board member suggested that Sue Redhead contact the mother organization for the garbage collectors.
- Contracts
 - Someone approached the Snack shack at a football game and wanted to know if the snack shack was held to the same contract with Pepsi that the district has signed.
 - Board Member indicated that 5013c non-profits were not held to district contracts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

- Will be sending out thank you notes and receipts for anyone who donated over \$250.

Scrip

- Parent pages brought in for anyone that didn't previously get one.
- School phone list and includes all of the scrip info.
- Everything is the same but Scrip is updated.
- Funds go to both ASB and PTSA

Grad Night

- Moving along with Grad Night.
- Put deposit down and doing fundraiser.
- Need help to work Sharks games (5 – 11 PM)
 - Anyone can help at the Sharks help.
 - Kids can help if they're over 17
- Meetings first Monday of every month.
- Information is listed on the school website and there is a link from the PTSA page.
 - Information also listed on the daily bulletins

Announcements

- Panther Paws – Flea Market scheduled for 3rd Saturdays in Sep, Oct and Nov.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany de Groot
Acting Prospect High PTSA Secretary