

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for November 18, 2008

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

Minutes: The minutes from the Oct 14, 2008 PTSA meeting shall be modified with the following changes:

- On page 1, last paragraph, the two references to “Panther Paws newsletter” should be “Parent Page newsletter”.
- On page 3, last sentence, the reference to “Panther Paws newsletter” should be “Parent Page newsletter”.
- On page 5, under Open House, “Suggested a brocure” should be “Suggested a brochure”.

Motion by Diane Burbank to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Cindy Collins. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Cindy reported a balance of \$16, 489. Only \$450 has come in for the donation drive so far. This could be due to the fact that it is a bit earlier this year than in the past.

An expense report/budget of the 2007 career faire was presented. The total expense for the faire was \$587. Another faire is planned for early 2009 and it was noted that only \$300 had been budgeted in the PTSA budget for this event. The faire committee requested an additional \$300 to cover the expected cost of this year’s faire. Diane Burbank said that she would provide the \$300 from her Principal’s budget and that the PTSA did not have to worry about the request.

Student Report

- No report.
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Teacher’s Report

- No report.
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Principal’s Report

- Winter sports is starting up.
- Congratulations go to both the boys and girls cross-country teams that sent representatives to the CCS meet.
- Also, congratulations to the girls field hockey team that placed first in their league and went to the playoffs. Unfortunately they lost in the first round to a tough Cupertino squad.
- Construction at various sites around the school are continuing.
- The 12-week report cards are going out tomorrow.
- A training session on School Loop will be held for the teachers.

District Rep Report

- A video on CCOC was shown at the district meeting. It explained what CCOC was all about. It is not necessarily for those who are challenged at school, but is also a good way for students to learn a trade. It also helps these students gain an advantage at community college if they continue to study in the same field.

OLD BUSINESS

Open House Update

- Planning a second open house for Sat Dec 6 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Volunteers are needed. This is timed to coincide before applications are due at private high schools. Having it on a Saturday will help to reach those who could not make the first one which was during the week.
- An all-together session was suggested, but since people arrive at different times and the fact that an all-together session will be done at the 8th grade parent night it was decided not to do this.
- A FAQ sheet was suggested to provide parents answer to common questions, but it was pointed out that the one-on-one approach is the most effective way at communicating what Prospect offers their children.
- Since it is an SAT test day, some areas of the school will not be available for the tour, but most of the school will still be accessible.
- 10 students will be available to help out as well as the deans and administrative staff. The Foods class will be providing cookies. This can be supplemented by the PTSA hospitality committee providing breads and coffee.
- Need to publicize the event by publishing in the feeder middle schools newsletters.
- A school brochure is being developed, but it is not ready yet to be distributed.

Donation Drive

- Things are moving along, another message will go out in the Parent Page.

NEW BUSINESS

Dances

- Apparently there is theft occurring at the school dances. Girls are especially vulnerable as they usually lack pockets to carry their valuables. Shoes, phones, iPods, etc have all been reported stolen. Coat checks are not used at the dances as it is very hard to staff. A suggestion was made to have a coat check as a fundraiser. The word needs to get out to the students to watch themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (no reports)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Yanari, Prospect High PTSA Secretary