

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for March 10, 2009

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Liz James

Liz began the meeting with introductions of visiting guests, Marna Taylor and Celeste Radanovich of Got College, a college admission counseling firm. The company provides classes that help with the college admission process including how to choose a college, how to fill out an application and how to write an admission essay. The classes are scheduled at both Leigh and Prospect High Schools. Information on dates and cost can be obtained by contacting them at gotcollege@yahoo.com.

Minutes: The minutes from the Feb 10, 2009 Prospect PTSA were approved as submitted via a motion made by Tiffany de Groot and seconded by Cindy Collins.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy reported a balance of \$19,269. This past month about \$1,000 was paid in mini-grants. Still one mini-grant outstanding. A letter regarding the annual district art show was received from Mr. Mark Fisher. It was mentioned that \$250 is allocated in the budget for the show and Cindy said she would put a check in Mr. Fisher's box.

Student Report

- No report.
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Teacher's Report

- No report.
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Principal's Report

- Friday and Monday will be minimum days. Friday will be used for grading and Monday will be a health-check by WASC. Although the WASC accreditation is good for 6 years, the accreditation team typically visits for a 1 day site visit before the next accreditation is required. The team will visit classrooms and meet with action committee chairs to see if the school is on track toward meeting goals.
- Registration for next year is almost complete and the counselors are visiting the classrooms. There will be a Spring check to determine the teacher needs for next year and how many need to be hired.
- The student population may be increasing.
- No pink slips are expected.
- Decided on a new bell schedule that includes moving the tutorial to the middle of the school day. The students may choose which class to go to, but they must stay there for the 30 minute tutorial period. The time is meant as a study hall and not for "playing". This move was made based on the observation that many students do not take advantage of the tutorial period at the beginning of the day.

- The district has not indicated if there will be any budget cuts and it is not expected there will be any.

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District Rep Report

- CPR classes can be set-up through the district nurse. Classes typically cost \$10 per person and \$30 per hour for the instructor.
- A parent education event is planned at Leigh high school.
- Leigh is also planning on having an “Every 15 Minute” program that educates the students through dramatization on the impacts of drunk driving. If Prospect wishes to do the same, grant money can help defray the cost. The CHP website has more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Scholarships

- An article will be submitted to the Parent Page to publicize the scholarship.

Mini-Grants

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Star Testing

- PTSA traditionally provides snacks for the students during the STAR testing. Snacks are typically juice and granola bars. Testing is scheduled for the end of April and is determined by the department heads. PTSA also provides raffle prizes and the amount depends on what is leftover from the \$1200 budget after the food is purchased. The snacks for each classroom will be bagged and distributed to each classroom so a class schedule is needed. Help is also needed to bag the food and handled grocery bags are needed as well. Liz will work with Megan Kelly to make up the prize envelopes.

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Teachers Appreciation Lunch

- Scheduled for May 7 which is actually during AP testing. It was suggested that doing a breakfast similar to the collaboration day breakfast may be better.

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Secretary’s Day

- The PTSA will recognize the secretaries with a card and thank you gift.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Middle School

- Graduation for Moreland Middle School is now scheduled for June 10 to not conflict with the Prospect graduation.
- Programming for the 8th graders has been completed.
- A music festival is scheduled for the end of March.

- Band is scheduled to go to Disneyland.
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Grad Night

- 42 tickets have been sold so far and the price is scheduled to go up on April 1.
- Fundraising is on-going with several dedicated parents working the concession booths at Shark games.
- They have compiled a large task list and much help will be needed.
- The committee is counting on the \$500 allocated in the PTSA budget.
- The policy needs to be checked regarding students who are not “walking”, i.e. will they be allowed to go to grad night?
- Next year’s grad night committee is seeking a chair.
- The junior parents are encouraged to chaperone the event to get an idea on what to expect.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Yanari,
Prospect High School PTSA Secretary