

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for September 9, 2008

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

The meeting began with a special welcome to new principal, Diane Burbank, and introductions around the room.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 13, 2008 PTSA meeting shall be modified with the following changes:

- In the PTSA Board section on page 3, “boar” should be “board”.

Motion made to approve minutes as corrected (M Cindy Collins/S Louise Henderson). Motion passed.

Additional discussion at this time on the status of the RSVP deposit for last year’s Grad Night that was “lost” when RSVP went out of business. Still need to get the deposit back.

Treasurer’s Report:

Cindy presented the proposed budget for 2008-09. The budget was based on past history (several years). The mini-grant process was explained for those who were unfamiliar with it. Scrip income was reduced due to the switch from Albertson’s to Luckys. Luckys uses a program called SHARES that is slowly gaining followers.

A motion to approve the budget for 2008-09 as presented was made by Louise Henderson and was seconded by Christine Berube. Motion passed.

Cindy Collins reported a balance of approximately \$16,716.88. Most of the summer’s income was from the membership drive which has resulted in approximately 139 families. It was decided to run the membership drive flyer in the parent page and have copies available at the Back-to-School Night. A reminder for freshmen parents to switch or split their escrip earnings to Prospect will be put out. Also the parents will be reminded that escrip/Safeway requires one to reverify the card each year. The library will be open during Back-to-School for signing up to School-Loop.

Student Report

- No report.

Teacher’s Report

- Teachers need Kleenex. It was suggested that Kleenex could be collected at Back-to-School night.
- Last year’s mini-grant money helped to pay for wireless mouses which are in use.

- Push for increased staff participation at events.
- A contact for the mini-grants was requested to answer teacher questions.
- Robert Igoe advises the Business Leaders Club/Group. Looking for speakers.

Principal's Report

- Current enrollment is 1320 which is about 20 less than projected.
- Construction of the new back field has started. It should help for sports that overlap and need fields to practice.
- Just hired the last teacher. Physics started off the year short a teacher, slack picked up by other teachers.
- There will be a club fair tomorrow.

District Rep Report

- CUHSD is now in a program called Federal Improvement Program
 - Need to meet goals in the areas of special education and art.
 - For the district as a whole and is based on sophomore level CAHSEE test scores.
- District nurses are participating in program to get all uninsured children signed up for health insurance.
- The schools now have defibrulators. 100 people have been trained already. The trainer would like to come to a PTSA meeting to get more trained.
- November ballot will include a renewal of the parcel tax that will benefit the district.
- Gym windows are coming soon. Currently they are boarded up.
- Construction schedules will be posted on the district website.

Board Member's Report

- Royce Peterson attended this meeting, but the designated rep for Prospect is Matthew Dean.
- Two board positions are opening up and there are five candidates currently running. Westmont will host a candidates night on Oct 22.
- Parcel tax continuation is important. Money will be used to pay teacher's salaries, reduce class sizes and offer 7 period days.

NEW BUSINESS

Open House (3rd Annual)

- Timing for open house coincides with open houses for private schools.
- Last year the open house went from 1 – 5 PM and about 95 families attended.
- The open house is geared to middle school parents, but parents of elementary school students are welcome.
- Date is tentatively set for Oct 29.

CUHSD Candidates Forum

- Will be held at Westmont on Oct 22.
- Previous candidate nights have been extremely informative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

- Membership database includes information on volunteers.
- Add a flyer to Parent Page backed with a scrip reminder.

PHS Store

- Merchandise will be available at Back-to-School Night.

Hospitality

- Heather Jevens will be the hospitality coordinator this year.
- Planning on cookies and juice at Back-to-School Night.

Volunteer Coordinator

- 21 parents have already signed up to volunteer in the office, but a few more are still needed.

Collating

- Date for September needs to be changed as it is currently listed as Sep 24 which is the Back-to-School Night date.

Grad Night

- There will be a meeting on Sep 24 in the cafeteria after the parents visit the classrooms for Back-to-School Night.
- Need people to participate in fundraisers.
- Survey/flyer sent to parents to get a rough idea of how many will attend the event and also to inform the parents of volunteer opportunities.

Web Site

- Cindy Collins with the help of her husband has started a PTSA web page that is accessible from the Prospect web site.

Announcements

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Yanari
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