

Prospect High School PTSA Minutes for February 14, 2012

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by President Louise Henderson.

Welcome and Introductions: Louise began with welcoming everyone and introductions of all PTSA members, students and parents along with Principal Diane Burbank.

Secretary's minutes:

Motion to approve January 10, meeting minutes was put forward by Louise. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have received \$1760.00 from donation drive. PTSA donates \$500.00 each year to Grad Night. In future raffle could replace Donation Drive.

Student Council's Report:

Teacher's Report:

Principal's Report: PTA scholarship applications are available and kids whose parents are in PTA can apply for it. Course selection for all grade kids will be done through Naviance now on. It helps kids become aware of how it is going to affect their planning. Starting from next school year Mandarin will be offered at Prospect and 70 students in two sections have signed up for it. Mandarin II will be offered the following year. New superintendant Pat Gaffney will replace Rhonda Farber at the district. Teacher contracts are up and settled. Voting is tomorrow. There will be some furlough days and that will help eliminate teacher layoffs.

Prospect has completed WASC report. All the art work for the report was done by students, written by teachers and 20% by the principal. Then an action plan of 7-8 pages was written and summary at the back was written. It helps improve graduation rate, provides holistic approach to improve Hispanic students, and increases use of school loop, increases communication and 9th and 10th gr. credits are earned.

Accreditation visit is scheduled to be in March. 6 representatives visit and validate our self study. It is a 4 day visit and they recommend a term of accreditation which at the most is of 6 yrs. There will be a parent meeting on Sunday afternoon.

District Representative Report: Potential good news from the district that Gov. Brown is going to put school budgets on the ballot. District hopes to get some funding. If it's not on the ballot things could be worse. Schools may have to share guidance counselors. At this point district is making sure things are ok. Westmont wanted to know more about Grad Night, how many students participate and how funds are raised. Branham has a make a wish fundraiser. Leigh had cyber bullying presentation.

New Business:

Music Festival add/ sponsorship: Has been taken care of.

March 1st, Principal's Coffee: It will hold presentation on WASC.

March 5th, 8th Gr. Information Night, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: It will have a Naviance table.

April or May, Teacher Appreciation: This year it will be on May 3rd at lunch time.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator: Fresh cookies attracted kids that otherwise would not come.

Volunteer round up is shaping up good.

Career Center: Helping students use Naviance. Have a parents follow up night to learn about Naviance. Funding for the year two of Naviance is available but we need to start fundraising for year three.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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