

Prospect High School PTSA Minutes for September 14, 2010

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.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. Diane Gordon is the new board member.

Secretary's minutes:

Motion to approve May 11, 2010 meeting minutes was put forward by Louise. Motion was granted.

Treasurer's Report: PTSA board had met on July 31st, 2010 for budget preparation. New budget was discussed by Treasurer Rob James. New teacher's fund is something new to the school and was very well received. Rob put forward motion to approve budget and it was approved.

Student Council's Report: No report as this time.

Teacher's Report: Deans are meeting with all different class levels. New handicapped suitable rooms are useful to those students. Orientation went well for incoming freshman students. There is an ice cream social for them tonight. Boy's locker rooms are finished. Girl's locker rooms will be done in November. Teachers had a question for PTSA if they will be receiving teacher's grants? The school has been fully refunded for Every Fifteen Minutes program.

Principal's Report: Diane started with Star testing results for the school. Prospect has met and exceeded school wide score goal by 16 points. Some subgroups have gone down in scores and we need to find a way to reverse that. This subgroup is 10% or larger. Prospect students are very diverse, socioeconomically challenged, English language learners, Hispanics and Asians. English language learner and Hispanic subgroups went down in scores. Graduation rates are also important for the school's success. We do better on AYP index than on API index of scores. From last year students are tested in their respective classes for that particular test. This helps avoid fatigue, helps kids and impacts student classes. Parent page will come out soon. Tomorrow night is the deadline for parent page participation. There will be 4 football games this year. So Homecoming Dance is held on Oct. 9th. It is also the end of the first 6 week grading period.

Board Member Report: Diane Gordon congratulated Diane Burbank and the parents for the scores. She reported that parents are concerned about the budget. Because of the property tax cuts, there will be \$900,000 less from the taxes this year. Salary roll back is possible but there will be no other reductions. Adult education program was taken out but it will be reinstated. It will help students in recovering their credits. Campbell community center is going to run this program called CACE. Performing arts building has not been changed and came well under budget.

District Representative Report: PTSA is looking for district representative.

New Business: There will be a big open house on Saturday, Nov. 6th. We need some one to run mini grants and program support grants. We are short on volunteers to form a committee so PTSA is taking over this task. We propose to get teacher's requests by next PTSA meeting. Program support grants given to school newspaper and performing arts last year but since they didn't ask for them this year, we could include these under mini grants.

Committee Reports: Need district representative, senior scholarships and hospitality person. We are very low on volunteers this year. Back to school night was great and the school has received enough tissue boxes.

Volunteer co-ordinator is Sue Rehead. Collating is going well. Career center is doing magnificent job. They are getting things streamlined. All activities are on web site. They used to share a page with guidance department but now they get a whole page.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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