

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for 8 October 2013

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:10am by Louise Henderson.

Welcome and Introductions: Louise began with welcoming everyone and starting self-introductions of PTSA parents and Prospect Principal Joell Hanson.

Secretary's minutes:

Motion to approve September 2013 meeting minutes was put forward by Louise. These minutes are posted on-line for everyone to view.

<http://prospectptsa.files.wordpress.com/2013/09/september-2013-minutes.pdf>

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer report distributed.

- Sharon Salazar, PHS Activity Director, will transfer donations collected during registration to PTSA ~\$2400
- Discussion on *PayPal* button to be added to PHS homepage. Contact identified as Shubert Koong

Principal's report:

- EOS – Equal Opportunity for Students Conference
 - promote AP (advanced placement) opportunities to students
 - survey teachers to see if their perception matches students of available opportunities
 - target 75 students
- Common Core Standards reviewed. 45 states have adopted.
 - On-line assessment to be piloted in math (3rd yr math) and science
 - teachers have tried
 - student testing to start – some concerns from teachers w/ format change
- Common Core roll-out to parents
 - info session for parents 12Nov @6:30p before next PTSA mtg
 - explanation of new English and Math standards – replaces some CST/STAR tests
 - International Standards in math
 - combines Algebra 1,2 & Geo strands to address problems holistically

Student Council's Report: Ryan (Jr class VP); Dannica (Jr class Treasurer)

- 700 students @ Homecoming Dance in large gym. Positive reviews from all quarters.
- What is working this year:
 - Freshman class esp enthusiastic
 - strong Link Crew with effective training over the summer
 - upcoming SpookFest in old music room for Freshman

CUHSD Superintendent: Patrick Gaffney

- Measure E explanation. Renewal of existing \$85/parcel tax, generates ~\$5M/yr
- Introduction passed very strong. 1st renewal slim support. This measure is for 8 yr renewal.
 - Funds used for preserving class size reductions, recruiting new teachers
 - All funds kept local. Exemptions for seniors and some disabilities
- Christine Berburbe promote/support passage Measure E
- 'Instead of being complacent about possibly losing various programs, help w/ phone bank.'

Danielle Pirslin highlighted some program which could benefit the PHS community

- Westgate Church Crime Prevention mtg Oct 23 @6-8pm

- distributed information on FOP lodge 52 and highlighted benefits of joining including: SF Police credit union, insurance
- Danielle has materials to donate to the student store and will connect w/ Ms Salazar.

Teacher grants: Beth Antoni walked us through the nine submissions received.

- Total teacher mini-grant need exceeded budgeted amount. With donations from registration included, we realized there were sufficient funds were available (Louise Henderson put forth the motion, Michele Felt seconded, group voted and passed)
- All grant requests were approved, with some conditions:
 - Math Geoboards – require report on how boards are used. This supports other teachers having access learning how materials are used.
 - Language/mandarin – support expansion of Mandarin program. Require that these materials stay at PHS. Understand this might impact curriculum. Suggest BHS purchase materials for their site.
 - Additional request from SPED received after the grant deadline for a laser printer. Suggestion for them to speak w/ Ms Hanson about alternative funding.

Open House 2November 1-5pm

- email asking for volunteers has gone out
- Louise working signage update issue
- flyer from last year sought as example (submitted to B Sharif 10Oct)

Next Dates:

2Nov Open House 2Nov 1-5pm
 12Nov 6:30 Principal meeting on Common Core Update; 7pm PTSA
 14Jan 8:15am
 11Feb 7pm
 11 Mar 8:15am
 8Apr 7pm

submitted 16Oct'13
 Maria Laughlin

Teacher Grants:

- Reviewed each teacher request. All were well written and persuasive.
- Motion made to approve all grant requests with following conditions – Motion Approved
- Comments/Conditions re Grant
 - All materials to stay at Prospect High School.
 - Request from Maria Laughlin that Winne Tung demonstrate the effectiveness of the document camera to other Prospect teachers.
 - Ms Hanson mentioned that the request from Mari Alder, Spanish teacher, lines up with the need for headsets for AP, SAT subject tests.
 - Mr Gary Rose, vice principal, will work with Mari to get the right number of headsets that can be used for languages.
 - Prospect HS will purchase headsets with PTSA making up any fund shortfall up to the amount that was identified in the grant request submitted by Mari.
 - These headsets will stay in the Prospect HS library. 'Storage and Handling' to be determined with Gary and Mari.

Open House – 3Nov12 @ 9am - 1pm

- Flyer/Announcement written and sent out to area schools.
 - PHS admin has sent out to area schools through official channels
 - PHS parents have sent out to area schools through informal channels
 - Request that PHS parents continue sending out to Neighborhood assoc and parent groups.
- Open House tour script in development process.
- Volunteer Requests for volunteers to act as tour guides and man different stations, Naviance, Music Boosters, Panther Paws has been sent out by Liesbeth Visscher, limited response to date.
 - Coffee donation to be arranged by Danielle & Tomo
 - Snacks donation to be coordinated by Liesbeth
- College Map, Classes of '11, '12, to be done by students.
- Ms Hanson will ask custodial staff to check storage areas for the sign.
- Open House sign & College Map to be stored at PHS in the future.

New Business for next month:

- Donation Drive
 - start thinking of ideas for Nov meeting
 - year end financial donation
 - supplies for teachers (following BTSN Tissue drive)

Meeting ended 9:15am

submitted by Maria Laughlin for PTSA
19 October 2012