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## Notes from PTSA General Association Meeting November 14, 2017

### Welcome (Cathie, President) and introductions

- Nathan Thame: Project manager for district, will discuss master plans for construction at Prospect.
- Brett Johanson: Future Path Prep, teacher from Branham, proposed SAT prep classes for spring at PHS.

Financial reports (Thomas Swidler, Treasurer):

Account activity (since 10/10/2017):

- Income \$198.88
  - Donation Drive \$35 (income from donations at the door of an event)
  - Membership \$100
  - Scrip \$63.88
- Expense \$1,675.88
  - Homecoming dance \$405.42
  - Teacher mini-grants \$1,257.10
    - Our budget was \$3,50

- 8 teacher mini grants (Art, English, World Language, Math, Special Ed) totaling \$3069.38
- All teacher receipts received and paid
  - Several bank fees \$13.36
- Account balance \$16,924.55

*\*\*\*We are looking for a new treasurer next year. Please contact us if you would be willing to volunteer in that capacity.*

#### Report of the Executive Board (Cathie):

- Report from monthly Parent Representative district meeting:
  - Changes coming for volunteer process in our district, looking at background checks, level 1 and 2 volunteers. Level 1 will have fingerprint clearance, direct contact with students on a regular basis. Level 2 volunteers will not require fingerprinting and do not have contact with students without certificated personnel present. Details will be coming soon.
  - Teaching and Learning Task Force working on reviewing and revising the grading policies. All schools represented. Teachers, parents, admin represented. Recommendation will come to the board in May.
  - Healthy kid survey coming out at the end of the month to students, staff, and parents.
  - Julie Reynolds-Grabbe (CUHSD communications) is starting a parent newsletter from the district.
- Cathie and Cyndi are working on a way for students to give holiday gifts to their teachers and the staff. Each selected staff will get a gift basket of goodies for the classroom plus some gift cards.

#### Principal report (Joell Hanson)

Nathan Thame reports on facilities projects happening at Prospect. See map.

1. #1 on map is a new two story building: 3 SH classrooms, 1 living space classroom for SH, second floor has 2 STEM classrooms, 2 regular classrooms, and an art classroom, possibly a maker space. Take out 2 basketball courts and add a courtyard for outdoor use for special ed. This is all located where the current tennis courts are. Tennis courts will be relocated as indicated. This effort is starting Mar 2018. 4 tennis courts

first, then new building #1, then 3 more tennis courts. Building Mar-Dec 2018.

2. #2 on map is new kitchen and student union: not sure if it is a gut and remodel or complete demo. Deciding on a 1 or 2 story building depending on space and cost tradeoff. Construction planned start of Jan 2019. 12-14 month build. Cafeteria will be a grab and go model in the interim. Leigh will be a central kitchen for the district to serve all sites.
3. There will be eventual shade structures for the quad included in a planned redesign. The gym will serve as a shade source in the interim.

### **PTSA will use Future Path Prep's services in the spring for SAT prep.**

Brett Johanson from Future Path Prep:

- Teacher from Branham, has his own company and written manual. \$135 for course which includes his manual plus the official SAT prep book.
- Cap classes at 36. Focus on test design and then quick tips for specific problems.
- 8 hours of class time for reading/writing, 5 hours for math.
- Qualified teachers teach each section.
- We need to make a decision about time of day, will have him teach the class in the spring to prepare for spring SAT dates.

### Reports of the committees

- a. Grad Night Update: Janet Chance – selling socks as a fundraiser, offering flocking – see order form, Scrip available to purchase (reloadable is great) – both online and physical cards, fundraiser this Thursday with Opulenza – flier available.

### **Adjournment**

**Immediately following meeting:**

### **Parent Education Topic**

**7:30-8:30pm Teen Alcohol and Substance use and services at Prospect – Prospect Uplift Counseling Staff (Tony) and Joell Hanson.**

**Excellent discussion on Services offered at Prospect by Joell Hanson, Principal at PHS and what the Uplift Counselors are seeing in teens.**

- **Prevention, intervention with drugs, bullying, stress, peer issues, depression, crisis intervention (unaddressed mental health issues are the highest risk for suicide).**
- **Big risk factors are lack of sleep, depression, anxiety**
- **Get support sooner than later. These risk factors change brain chemistry in the developing brain**
- **Uplift is seeing more prescription drugs and edibles.**



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