



March 13th Meeting Notes and School Safety Summary

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Notes from PTSA General Association Meeting March 13, 2018

In attendance: Joell Hanson, Jeff Arnett, Cathie Watson-Short, Jen Loftus, Lisa

Palumbo, Cathy Wolters, Janet Chance, Lori King, Nancy Pherigo

Meeting called to order in the Staff Room at 7:36pm by Cathie Watson-Short.

1. Welcome! – Cathie. We started the meeting late because of a parent meeting about safety concerns with Joell and Jeff. (see below for overview on School Safety Topic)
2. Approval of minutes from 2/12/18: Joell motions to approve, Nancy seconds, all approve, no corrections needed. **PASSED.**
3. Financial reports – Thomas Swidler (Treasurer) – 5 minutes (not in attendance)Á

Account activity (since 02/12/2017):

- Revised Expense Budget items approved at last executive meeting
 - Membership Expenses and Insurance: budget was \$635.75, actual is \$753, new approved budget is \$800
 - Bank Fees and Misc: budget was \$325, actual is \$435.83, new approved budget is \$50
 - Web-site: budget was \$90, actual is \$146.49, new approved budget is \$150
- Income \$251.95
 - Amazon Smile \$35
 - College Career Night Food Drive \$137.70 (profit after expenses)
- Expense \$70.35
 - Cash box \$21.84
 - Alumni Domain name for 4 years \$48.51
- Account balance \$15,017.30
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- 2016-2017 Year End and 2017-2018 Mid-Year Audits were conducted and adopted by the executive board.

Presentation of bills:

- No current outstanding bills to present.

- iv. International week: Do we want to donate \$175 to the effort as in previous years? We don't necessarily want to give the gift cards to students for performances. It would be great to have an event to celebrate the diversity of our community. If parent organizers are interested in planning events, reach out to Marie Adler to work with her.
- v. Principal report – WASC (accreditation committee) is coming to Prospect on Sunday. Parent meeting is 4-5pm in the library. 6 visiting committee members meeting parent leaders. Hoping for 6 year accreditation.
- vi. Reports of the committees –
 - a. PTSA book club – Lisa – Book is “Sparks”, March 27 and April 24, 7pm. Bring a dish to share. Lisa's house. Read first 3 chapters for the first meeting.
 - b. Panther Paws – Ralene – no update.
 - c. SAT prep update – Cathie – 26 signed up. The organizer would like 30-40 so there is more room. ACT boot camp coming to Branham –

info will be shared in next PTSA email update and on website.

- d. College and Career Center – Lorie – no report
- e. Grad Night – Janet – March 23 from 7-9pm at Jane’s house for succulent arrangements - \$32. Grad night is planned, over 100 students signed up already.
- f. ASB Update – Cathie and Julie Son – no update
- g. Hospitality – Julie Schaer – planning teacher appreciation lunch.
Tentatively Friday May 4. Theme idea: “May the 4th be with you” J
Will need parent help with potluck meal – signup coming.
- h. Middle school communication brainstorm
 1. 8th grade parent night – Prospect parents go and talk/introduce themselves
 2. Engage middle school reps to foster more communication
 3. Parents from Prospect can go to the middle schools and have an open forum for parents. A short presentation and time for questions. Use relationships among our parent community and talk with liaisons for the middle schools to set up.
- i. Need volunteers: PTSA board members (need treasurer and other positions) and Senior Scholarship committee (to read applications for the \$500 PTSA college scholarship). April-May. Thomas can help get it going but can’t read the applications because he has a senior.
Committee volunteers: Nancy, Shveta (?), Lisa, Cathy Wolters, Jen
- vii. New Business – none
- viii. Adjournment – Cathie motions to end meeting at 8:19pm, Jen seconds, all in favor. **PASSED.**

School Safety Overview

Concerned parents came to address school safety concerns over recent incidents after school at the car wash and Chase bank. Joell Hanson and Jeff Arnett answered questions and explained how our school handles school safety and how we work with SJPD and Saratoga Sheriffs to support our school. They also explained that they really need our support to keep them informed about what they hear on campus, but are not able to discuss individual student situations. A representative from Councilman, Chappie Jones office was also there to show support. Notes that I took from our meeting:

- Kids not feeling safe walking home to school
- How can we ensure our kids feel safe on campus
- Are Crossing Guards an option

- More parent involvement needed in general at Prospect - on campus and at school events
- Interest in creating a parent and staff committee to address these issues

The next steps are:

1. Set a time and place for us to meet.
2. Identify how we can affect our school climate and its safety through our actions and support.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee and bringing more parent support and involvement on our campus please email me at president@ProspectPTSA.org

Thanks all for your continued support, as we continue to Build our Pride at Prospect together for all of our students and families.

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