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## May 8th, Prospect PTSA Meeting Notes

### PTSA General Association Meeting

May 8, 2018

**In attendance:** 18 - Including Principal Joell Hanson, School Board Representative Stacy Brown, Math Teacher John McGowan, 14 Parents and 1 student

1. **Welcome!** All introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of minutes** – Jen. 3/13 and 4/3 minutes approved.
3. **President's Council Report** – Cathie - CPM came up at the meeting – kids feel left behind. Superintendent seemed to be interested and was asking a lot of questions. Joell says the topic came up at the district-wide principal meeting as well. One idea discussed was providing more professional development for teachers in the new “spiraling” system of math instruction. Dr. Bravo will be looking into this further and helpin\*

support the students and teachers. Questions asked included: What are students missing conceptually? Online homework and support? Summer support? More information to come.

4. **Principal report** – Joell –

1. WASC letter came back and Prospect got our 6 year accreditation! Everyone is very happy!
2. Volunteer recognition on May 21 at 5:45pm, Grand Awards at 6:30pm (department awards, scholarships).

5. **Principal Search Update** – Joell – panel of community members, teachers, classified, custodial, and students did a first round of interviews and the panel has made recommendations. Coming up, there will be a second round of interviews, then the panel will make a final recommendation. This selection then goes to a panel of administrators, who then make a recommendation to the school board. The school board is hoping to approve the recommendation at the May 17 board meeting, then it will be announced to the public. “Volunteer of the year” for the district will also be presented at the May 17 meeting.

6. **Student Math CPM Survey Results** – Nidhi – 81 IM1 responses and 24 IM2 responses. Made a serious attempt to get a random sample across all students in the course. Findings were reported. The responses were mixed across the board, some students were positive about the CPM textbook and materials, some neutral, some negative. Students had a variety of reasons for their opinions as well. Some thought the spiraling was helpful, some didn't, some used homework help, some didn't, some like the group work, and some didn't.

7. **Senior Scholarships applications** – Shveta/committee – 12 applications were submitted and they were asked to pick 8 recipients. Each would receive \$500. They developed a method for making the decision – they each placed them in rank order and looked at patterns. Picked the ones that everyone liked, then looked again at the rest. Asked to pick more than 8, but there aren't enough funds in PTSA budget. One rubric this committee used was to look for commitment to Prospect – what have you done for Prospect? Jen motions to approve the 8 recipients the committee recommends, Joell seconds, all approve. **PASSED.** Scholarship recipients will be announced and awarded at the Grand Awards on 5/21 at 6:30pm.

8. **Presentation of new School Climate and Safety committee** – Cathie, Sheila, Sangeetha – Welcome! They discussed the desire to gather more information from the students about safety concerns. It is too late in the year to implement this year. They looked at the existing survey on

School Climate – 553 PHS students took the survey, answered “What would improve your experience at Prospect?” Sheila wants to ask more specific questions that are not too leading or scary, but to get to details about safety in bathrooms, drug use, violent classmates, etc. There is a CA Healthy Kids Survey that we might be able to cull for information. The district is looking hard at the climate at school sites and they will be actively working on it with the superintendent and school sites. The board takes full responsibility for this – they are ready to take feedback from parents as well. More to come.

9. **Sparks Book Club Highlights** – Lisa – 10 minutes: tips helping your student find their spark (not discussed due to time, but well received by parents that attended)
10. **Your feedback for what we should do next year** – Cathie – We went around the room and asked what worked well and didn’t this year, and what attendees would like to see next year.
  1. **Pros.** Many expressed admiration for the effort this year to build the PTSA, including enhanced communication with the newsletters and emails and the “Build the Pride” motto. Several expressed gratitude for the increase in events like parent interest topic nights, teacher appreciation at the holidays, book club, providing help for the homecoming dance, adding principal Q & A time, and the improved fundraising effort this year.
  2. **To work on.** Some room for improvement included: better outreach to middle schools, encouraging all the parent organizations to work together (PTSA, Panther Paws, music boosters, theater boosters, ELAC, grad night), increase staff and student involvement including ASB, even more improvement in fundraising, support the teachers more thoroughly, improving school climate.
  3. **A few volunteer opportunities** in light of these areas for improvement:
    1. Student ambassador program lead: We need a coordinator to facilitate student involvement in the PTSA – need a parent volunteer to start that process, maybe meet with them once a month to coordinate with selected students.
    2. Homecoming dance lead: Spearhead homecoming dance effort.
    3. Holiday teacher appreciation lead: Help with teacher appreciation efforts
    4. Student Ambassadors

- 11. Sign up for Benefit Mobile and eScrip please!** Go to BenefitMobile.com, or download app from iTunes or Google Play store. Our Prospect ID is: 137613021 If you shop at Lucky PLEASE sign up for eScrip so PTSA can earn money. You just link your phone number go to eScrip.com and use the above ID. This will help us give out more scholarships and support our teachers.
- 12. Reports of the committees:**
1. Panther Paws Update – Ralene – 5 minutes – no report
  2. Parent Ed Update – Anita – 3 minutes – Beyond Measure movie this Monday, 5/14 at 7pm in the PAC. Sign up if you are planning to attend.
  3. SAT Prep Update – Anita/Cathie – no report
  4. College & Career Center Update – Lorie Laird –
- Sophomore can apply to become CCC Ambassadors APPLICATION
  - Senior Reveal is a huge success! It was such a fun way to celebrate our seniors and their future plans. A HUGE thank you goes out to the seniors who participated - this had never been done before at PHS and there were 43 seniors who announced their plan. Another thank you goes to ALL the students who came to cheer on the seniors.
  - Number one discussion with students currently is How to Pay for College. Now that seniors are admitted, they are realizing how expensive college is. If you hear of scholarships, please share the information with CCC
  - Many Job/Internship posting in the library. Now is the time to line up summer work
  - It is suggested for Juniors to start using Naviance regularly to develop their college application list, resources in the CCC - including a CHECKLIST
  - Need a team of volunteers to help with fall college visits. We had about 50 schools come to visit us (43 in just the fall).
  - Class of 2018 is reporting \$4.9 million in scholarship offers!!!
  - No Career Spotlight this month due to ALL the testing and inaccessibility of the library, however the CLIK Club is hosting a guest speaker May 22 - Professor Liat Rosenfeld works at the Chemical Engineering Department at San Jose State University and is a Postdoctoral Researcher at Stanford University
5. Grad Night Update – Janet Chance – 3 minutes – no report
  6. ASB Update – Julie Son – 3 minutes – no report
- 13. Next Year's Budget** – Thomas

### Account activity (since 04/03/2017):

- Income \$371.53
  - Membership we received \$35
  - Matching \$180
  - Scrip \$156.53
    - EScrip don't forget to update your credit card numbers (Prospect High School) when you get a replacement card for a compromised card.
- Expense \$132
  - \$100 4 senior ambassador students awards
  - \$1.32 bank fee
- Account balance \$14,139.43

### Items to vote on:

- New treasurer
  - Unfortunately due to changes in her work our new Treasurer which we were planning to vote in as new PTSA Treasurer had to withdraw her candidacy.
  - I will continue the office of the treasurer until we can vote in a new treasurer.
  - In either case I will be doing the tax fillings and audits for last year so I ask that a new treasurer would not start his/her term prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Present next year budget for approval
  - At the end of this fiscal year I project we will have a reserve of \$9,139.43
  - If we assume the same level of income as last fiscal year and if we keep last year's expense budget items at the same level then we would finish at the end of next fiscal year at a reserve of \$1,140.08.
  - I like to point out that throughout the year the budget can be adjusted and bigger expense items are paid out more at the end of the period at which we have a good indication of our membership income.
  - I therefore like to propose that next year's budget should at this time stay at the same expense level as this year budget and I am asking for approval of the budget.
  - Approve Senior Education Awards and release funds to pay for the awards.

Joell motions to keep the same budget for this next fiscal year, Cathie seconds, all in favor. **PASSED.**

14. **8<sup>th</sup> grade incoming students meeting: May 22 at 7:00pm** for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: room 30 at Prospect. Overview of what to expect, activities, athletics, and academics. Hoping to have info about fall sports – when to try out, open gyms, etc.

Great meeting!! Thank you to all who attended and to all who have read to the bottom. ;-)

Prospect PTSA Team

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