



Prospect High School Parent Teacher Student Association

Minutes from PTSA General Association Meeting

August 14, 2018

Welcome! Cathie Watson-Short, Prospect PTSA President.

50th Anniversary Plans – Sharon Freeman – 5 Min – Activities leader for PHS. Events for this celebration have been planned for each month through Dec., and more will be added. PHS website gives all the information under activities and extracurriculars: 50th anniversary events. Five events scheduled so far: 1 – Home football game on Fri Sept 21 with BBQ beforehand. RSVP for free meal and attendance into game. 2 – Homecoming football game. In between JV and Varsity games, there will be a Panther birthday party. Cake for everyone while supplies last. Stay for homecoming game. 3 – PHS open house. Alumni tours will be available with a “Behind the scenes” extra feature. 4 – Prospect alumni soccer game. 5 – Alumni Performing Arts showcase. If you’d like to help out by donating time, talent, or funds, a link will be on the website soon. Also coming soon to the website – an alumni section to register so you will be notified when there are events.

Principal Introduction to 2018-19 School Year – Paul Pinza – 10 Min – Great energy on campus for these first few days. Want to reach out to the whole community and encourage active communication. My mission is to make connections among all the stakeholders: students, teachers, staff, families, and community members. Working with the district to add a feedback loop on the registration process. About the fences – we found out about them only 3 days before. Talking with Cathie about signage to put on the fences to dress them up. Construction is happening on our campus right now: 2-story new classroom building and refurbished plaza area. New student union coming in a couple of years. Will present more about school changes at the next meeting, and will provide a more open forum for conversation with me then as well.

Prospect PTSA – Cathie Watson-Short – 25 Min

1. **What we do:** PTSA is all of us, parents, teachers, staff, and students who care about Prospect. This is the place to build community and support around the students. Find something you like to do, and then come and do it with us.
 - a. Give parents, teachers, students a voice
 - b. Parent education
 - c. Teacher and student support
 - d. Communication with teachers, staff, and fellow parents
 1. Monthly meetings
 2. Parent education topics
2. **Plans for this year:**
 - a. NOW - Membership drive
 - b. Sept. 11 meeting - “How to support your student to be successful in high school”
 - c. Oct. 6 - Homecoming dance – we help with decorations



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- d. Oct. 9 meeting - "How to support your student to be successful in CPM math"
 - e. Oct. 11 - SAT prep class starts
 - f. Nov. 3 - Open house
 - g. Dec and May - Holiday and spring teacher appreciation
 - h. Apr/May - Senior scholarships
 - i. June - Senior breakfast
 - j. Ongoing - CPM math committee
 - k. Ongoing - School safety and climate committee
3. **Who we are:**
- a. President – Cathie Watson-Short
 - b. Vice President – **OPEN**
 - c. Treasurer – Xingli Zhu
 - d. Secretary – Jennifer Loftus
 - e. Teacher Representative – Sameen Schoenhair
 - f. Staff Representative – Paul Pinza
 - g. Parent Education – Anita Guerra
 - h. Student Education – **OPEN**
 - i. Middle School Liaisons – Shveta Bagade for Latimer, Kimberly Meade for EDS, **OPEN** for MMS and DCS
 - j. Office Volunteer Coordinator – Ralene Wasielewski
 - k. Event Volunteer Coordinator – **OPEN**
 - l. Student Coordinator – Julie Schaer
 - m. Community Liaison and PTSA Book Club – Lisa Palumbo
 - n. Membership Drive – Shveta Bagade
 - o. Climate and Safety Committee – Shiela Juthani and Sangeetha Bharadwaj, **OPEN** for more members
 - p. Math committee – Donna Yuen
 - q. Hospitality – **OPEN**
 - r. Events – Homecoming decoration, Open House, AP Info Night – **OPEN**
 - s. Senior Scholarships – **OPEN**
 - t. Grad Night Representative – Linda Brooks, join our meeting Wed. Aug. 22 if you are interested in helping!
4. **How to get the most of PTSA**
- a. Come to meetings
 - b. Join membership drive and submit for company match
 - c. Shop at Lucky and sign up for eScrip.com
 - d. Shop Amazon Smile for PTSA or Panther Paws
 - e. Download Benefit Mobile and shop at your regular stores
 - f. Tell your friends!
5. **Approval of 5/8/18 minutes:** Cathie motions to approve, Anita seconds, all approve, none opposed. **PASSED.**
6. **This Year's Budget**



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7. **GET YOUR MAGNET** with all major school dates and events marked – freebie from PTSA!
8. **Q&A and feedback:** What is the dollar a day school donation for? Ms. Freeman manages these funds and says it is used for: school planners for every student, graduation staging, PSAT testing, advertisements for events, and more. Total budget \$12-13K. Parents are asking for more communication about how the funds are used so they feel comfortable donating.

Panther Paws – Ralene, Panther Paws President – 25 Minutes

- **What we do:** We support the PHS sports programs. We do not get money from the district office. That money goes directly for safety and other equipment as decided by the principal and AD. Snack shack money goes to music. We raise money with fundraisers and give it to the teams in an equitable way. Last year we purchased 6 popup tents for the teams to share on a check-out basis (see Potmesil to borrow one). We give scholarships to athletes at the end of the year.
- **Plans for this year:** Meetings are on the 1st Wed. of the month at 7pm in the staff lounge. Our link is in the athletics dropdown on the website. **Our family membership is \$65 for the year** and you can get into all sports games at no cost. New membership card design this year. Looking for Panther Paws sports reps – student athletes to help us liaison with team needs.
- **A few fundraisers:**
 - Craft fair on December 8, partnered with music. 81 vendors signed up. Need shoppers to come out!
 - Tri-tip fundraiser dinner, pay in advance and drive thru pickup.
 - Snack shack for indoor sports – need a committee to spearhead an effort to open the snack shack for non-football sports.
- **Who we are:** President – Ralene Wasielewski, Vice President – Nicole Aguilar, Membership – Darcy Dutcher, Secretary – Stacy Ruddy, Treasurer – Heather Forer

Drawing – Win Free Prospect SWAG – 15 Attendees won T-Shirts, Prospect Stadium Cushions and Prospect Cups

Refreshments and opportunity to mingle and ask questions.

PTSA Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.