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October 9, PTSA Meeting Notes

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Notes from PTSA General Association Meeting

October 9, 2018, 6:30pm

In case you missed the meetings these are our notes. They aren't pretty, but intended to keep you up informed on what we did at the meeting. Any questions? email president@ProspectPTSA.org.

In attendance: 19

1. Welcome!
2. Land For Kids Land Development Initiative – Linda Goytia, CUHSD School Board & Eve Walton, CUHSD volunteer – 15 minutes.
1. Eve, Linda, and Julie Reynolds-Grabbe came to our meeting to advocate for the “Land For Kids” initiative and ask the community to support it. End date for this effort is the San Jose City Council meeting on Dec. 4 when the Council will vote whether or not to approve this initiative.Á

2. Eve Walton: has a senior at Branham, worked on Measure AA, helped start the CUHSD Educational Foundation. The land use initiative is an effort to modify our district land use assets to increase revenue to the district. The need for increasing the revenue stream comes from both usual increasing costs district-wide, but also a need to mitigate the budget effects of state-mandated increased contributions to employee retirement plans (pensions). The district would like to rezone the strip of land, and rezoning is often not approved by the city. The best way to increase the chances of a successful rezoning request is to have community support. Please consider signing a letter to Mayor Liccardo to show your support.
3. Linda Goytia: This year's school district income is \$108M, expenses will \$109M. We will start going increasingly into the red with the pension contributions. We have an increasing enrollment cycle as well. The proposal includes self-storage, single unit housing, a preschool, and a memory care facility. The city prefers PQP – public/quasi-public building for mixed use. But this location does not have a street front presence, so it isn't a good place for businesses. Our initiative has been developed with the help of many stakeholders and experts. Please sign the letter, talk to your friends and neighbors, and contact your city council member. Consider coming to the City Council meeting on Dec. 4 to show your support.
4. Financial reports (Xingli Zhu) – 2 min
 - **Balance on hand as of 10/07/2018: \$21440.21**
 - Citibank: \$20921.90
 - US bank: \$500
 - PayPal: \$18.31
 - **Items**
 - Motion to approve to issue check of \$500 to speaker Tyler Durman
 - Researched local banks and decide to open new checking account with US bank, for both Prospect PTSA and Prospect PTSA Grad Night. US bank has a \$0 fee package for non-profit organizations
 - Resubmitted the 2017-2018 annual financial report and 2018 approved budget to 6th District because they insisted that the state remittance money should be categorized alone, separated from total income and total expenses.
 - This report covers date from 09/10/2018 to 10/07/2018

5. Report of the executive board

PTSA President (Cathie Watson Short) – 3-5 min

- a. President's Council meeting: tables for outdoor seating area coming soon, new scoreboards, water fountains with water bottle spigot, West Valley College is offering 2 classes on site (business and kinesiology).
- b. Raffle draw for \$100 Target gift cards from membership drive. 3 winners: Christie Erpenbeck, Daniel Kahn, Jennifer Loftus.
- c. Tyler Durman is speaking tomorrow night, Oct. 10 in the gym.
- d. CPM math night will happen in November (postponed from tonight).

Principal report (Paul Pinza) – 5 min

- e. Impressed by homecoming spirit and activities. Exciting week. Students involved, over 600 attended the dance. Alumni presence at the game was great. Julie Son had forward-thinking leadership – she wants to hold a forum to find out who is not participating in student activities. Working toward making activities more inclusive.
- f. No action on the construction of the 2-story building yet. In the meantime, the district is doing little projects like planting trees, putting in water fountains, lunch tables.
- g. Starting the process of soliciting ideas for spending some extra funds: Some Measure AA bond money still uncommitted – about \$50K. School Site Council will be consulted, but we'd also like to take suggestions from the parents/community. In addition, there's a budget overage that we need to decide how to spend. Site funds for one time investment – asking all the stakeholders.
- h. This week and next week, there will be a series of district messages about changes at our school site: 1) Charger stations will be turned on soon. 2) Locks will be installed on the perimeter gates soon – locked while class is in session, open in the afternoon, locked at dusk. Community access will be granted for specific uses. 3) There will be a new door installed in the front office to allow parent access to the student center.

- 6. Report of Teacher Representative (Sameen Schoenhair) 3-5 min
 - a. Been here 17 years and this was the most spirited homecoming she's seen. Please tell your students: Thursday morning ROAR had way too much paint.
- 7. Report of ASB Student Representative (Julie Son) – 3 minutes

- a. Homecoming week was amazing. Best year as far as spirit. Great quad deck entries. Fun alumni events where students were able to talk with alumni and hear about how things used to be. Football game was fun with the birthday party for Prospect. Thank you to PTSA for helping with the homecoming dance – it was a great end to a great week. Thank you for the delicious food donations, decorations, fun balloon drop.
8. Reports of the committees
9. Student Committee Update – Julie Schaer – 2 min: Working on this effort with Julie Son, getting information from Mrs. Freeman also. Still a work in progress. Trying to get students more involved who are not ASB/socially active. Added a video room in a separate space at homecoming. Next thing is to plan an outdoor Halloween movie gathering maybe on Oct. 26.
10. Grad Night – Linda Brooks – 5 minutes (Jen Loftus)
 - a. Grad Night is doing well and has a solid plan to fund the event.
 - b. We have over 30 senior parents on the committee and about half of them actively getting plans and fundraisers in place right now. More the merrier so please join us for next meeting Tue Oct 23 7pm. Teamwork makes the dream work!
 - c. Our main event this year for parents is the Fall into Fund Day Sunday event on Nov 4 from 4-7pm. We have some amazing items to auction like a photography session with Jeff Cable photography, Tahoe cabin weekend, Passport Dining card (2 for 1 dining), and reserved graduation parking spot. We hope everyone can make it and invite a couple or two of your friends.
 - d. Senior Parents received a newsletter from us that Heidi DeRueda sent out last week that outlines all the ways parents can help us.
 - We are hoping to raise at least \$1000 more through direct donations from the parents as they buy tickets or to the website with company match if possible.
 - We'd like auction item donations for our Nov 4 event like cabin for weekend, boating afternoon, teaching a class, etc.
 - We'd like raffle prize donations for Nov 4 event or to raffle to seniors at the event.
 - e. Ticket sales are happening on Tuesday, October 30. Keep an eye out week before for your student to bring home order and permission form.
 - f. We have restaurant night at Ben's BBQ & Brew Friday Oct 17th. Please dine and support.

- g. We also are selling Prospect Socks in blue/gold or pink at the sports events and ticket sales. Pop over to the gym to pick up some at the volleyball game tonight.
 - h. Flamingo Flocking is a fun way to send special occasion wishes to your family and friends by having a flock of flamingos appear on their yard. It's \$20 to send or buy insurance for \$30 to keep the flock from landing on your yard!
 - i. We also are planning a Comedy Sportz event on Friday Jan 11th in the PAC.
 - j. Goodwill truck is coming in spring so please hold on to your donations now.
 - k. If you like to shop and save, please download Benefit app.
 - l. Our website is prospectptsa.org/GradNight to get more info on all the above.
11. Middle School Reps Report – Kimberly, Shveta, Sangeetha Banerjee, Lisa Derrington 5-7 min: They will help with 8th grade parent night in January. For the next meeting they are asked to bring questions from their middle school communities.
 12. Membership Drive “Build the Pride!” – Cathie – 3 Min: over \$10K now, encourage friends to donate. Need to raise a bit more to cover our expenses. Our reserve will be exhausted this year. MMS raised \$33K so far, we have more students so hoping we can find a way to reach them.
 13. CPM Math Committee – Donna Yuen, 10 min: Draft action plan has been written collaborating with staff. Some ideas in the plan: 1) math teachers have release days to collaborate with each other, 2) district-wide database of math instructional ideas, 3) take videos of teaching lessons to share, 4) observing teachers within the district for shared video drive, 5) teachers attend an Asilomar conference on group learning techniques. Finally, there will be a CPM math night at the Nov. 13 PTSA meeting where parents can practice the process of CPM math. Teachers will be present to facilitate and help.
 14. College & Career – Lorie Laird – 3 min: tomorrow is PSAT for juniors and sophomores. Thurs is a FAFSA (financial aid) night for seniors to work on the application due in March. Also for seniors, CSA application workshop on Oct. 18. Planning a UC workshop coming as well. Lots of college visits for the next few weeks. College panel for juniors coming up. Encourage your students to check their emails regularly.
 15. Parent Education – Anita Guerra - 3 min – Tyler Durman tomorrow!
 16. School Safety and Climate Committee – Sheila & Sangeetha Bharadwaj – 3 min: Prospect Partners – neighborhood businesses that we have a

- relationship with who will look out for our students. We will meet with ASB to make plans to reach out to local businesses. We need a large group of parent volunteers, will do a signup once we have a plan in place.
17. Teacher Mini Grants – Jen Loftus – 7 min: Six Prospect teachers received grants of up to \$250 from PTSA. We will open another round of grants soon.
 18. Homecoming Decorating Committee Recap – Lori Thomas 3 min (already covered)
 19. Book Club – Lisa Palumbo – 3 min: Had 7 attendees to first meeting, interesting conversation. Reading Mindset by Carol Dweck. Book club meets on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the library.
 20. Panther Paws – Cyndi – 3 min: To help fundraise for the sports boosters please order poinsettias and tri-tip dinner.
 21. Adjournment at 8:04pm.
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