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## November 29, PTSA Meeting Notes

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## Notes from PTSA General Association Meeting

November 29, 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](mailto:president@ProspectPTSA.org).**

**In attendance: 34**

**Treasurer:**

**Opened acct at US Bank for non-profits (no fees)**

**Balance \$21,000 – left over from last... (see hand-out)**

**Expenditures: Homecoming Dance event, Teacher mini grants 5 out of 6 so far, spent \$1,500, balance \$2,000**

**President:**

UC Davis, C-STEM for teachers to get trained how to bring into the hands in activities for the classroom, \$150 room rental, total \$210.40 (includes custodial fees) Open to all teachers in our area (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Fences – we have a new system, not up and running but it takes your DL or name and address when you come on campus NOTE – we had to change the date of our November meeting this month due to our Fall Sports Social

Introduced attending parent, Robert Varich, who is new to our CUHSD board. Robert was on the Moreland School Board for over 14 years.

**Robert Varich – parent and New Board Member:** Happy to be a new board member for our district and to represent Prospect High School. I also have experience working with school budgets.

**Sharon Freeman – Activities Director:**

Panther Partners List (see hand-out – passed out by Sharon F) program lead by Jeff Arnett as part of our Safety Plan

Panther Partners is a committee created by Jeff Arnett for the businesses in our area. One way to use this partnership, when kids walk by and are not feeling safe, they can enter a business with a window-cling (“Panther Partner”). Those businesses will have a phone list, provided by Prospect, to call re: the student in question.

**Another way this partnership can be used, is by the businesses themselves, should they have any questions for us and/or concerns.**

**We need to follow-up with the businesses that want to be part of this plan to make sure they applied their window-cling and to see if they have any questions. Parents can help us with this.**

**School Site Council meeting was yesterday – the Panther Partner Plan is a natural bridge for building community with the school and the local businesses**

### **Wellness Week**

**We've talked about this in the past. We work with Up-Lift for students that are in crisis mode and we have counselors on campus, but we are taking a step further, by hosting a "Wellness Week" in January, the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of the ideas for this week are:**

- How to help a friend with self-care, stress, anxiety and suicidal thoughts.
  - We hope to have someone that can share a story that the kids can relate to.
- It could start during Study Hall and continue into lunch.
- Host a question and answer forum. Idea, ASB could have questions prepared to get the dialog started.
- Maybe on Wednesday, we could have resource tables with information about sleep, diet (healthy eating), stress relief ideas, etc.
- We could talk to our PE teachers about doing Yoga on Thursday.
- Write positive messages in chalk in the quad.
- Do an evening talk for parents, maybe for the parent talk after the PTSA meeting in January?
- We could inform our parents what's going on with our students (the pressure they are experiencing) and then give them the opportunity to ask questions.

**A good way to start off the second semester!!!**

**Grad Night 2019 Committee Chair Report:**

**Grad Night was created to have a fun and safe place for graduates to be together on the night of graduation. Some upcoming fundraising/events we are hosting are:**

- **Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Ruby Ribbon and Opulence Jewelry Night at Darcy Dutcher's.**
- **Grad Night Ticket Sales table at Prospect during lunch December 10, 11 and 12. More info at: <https://www.prospectptsa.org/GradNight/>**
- **Ike's Sandwich Shop "Restaurant Night" on Thursday, December 13**
- **Great for the whole family.<sup>th</sup>Comedy Sportz Night in the PAC on Friday, January 11**
- **Flamingo Flocking – flock someone for a special occasion (birthday, great job, etc.)**

**Linda passed around fliers for all the above events, as well as, catalogs for the Ruby Ribbon and Opulence event.**

**Kiran Grewal, Assistant Principal – AP Info Night:**

**Planning for our next school year re: AP classes. Students and parents want to pick classes now, but they can't do this until they've attended the AP Info Night.**

**Idea for meeting: have a general session from 6:30 – 7:00 and then offer two sessions, each 15 minutes long, where teachers present information.**

**We need feedback. Some questions that get asked frequently are:**

- 1. How many AP classes should a student take?**
- 2. Why is AP Bio always only offered during Zero period?**

**We won't know what classes will be available that night, but it's a good for us to get an idea how much interest there is in these classes, so we can prepare. When presented to the School Site Council meeting – they suggested that we have students available to share how they handled their AP work load.**

**PTSA Board member asked – Why would you take an AP class? Answer – for students getting A's and not being challenged enough. What kind of support do we offer? Idea, AP help on Wednesday's during homework center.**

### **8th Grade Parent Night**

**Working on ideas for our next one:**

- Pass out fliers to the middle school, TT athletics and principals**
- Have break-out session in the gym with the various departments at Prospect**
- Parent: our 8 Grade Parent Night was discouraging because the principal was not up-lifting and there were long lines while trying to get to the different tables. You should “showcase” your school!<sup>th</sup>**
- Parent: said they should have done a presentation about the new building going on at Prospect.**

- **Have 9-12 graders available for questions and show a sample of the video daily bulletin – they are cool and funny!**<sup>th</sup> Student suggested having 9th Grade Students there for Parent Night, The Prospect Night was a let-down compared to Westmont's.<sup>th</sup>Parent from above remembered that Westmont's Grade Parent Night – they did a great job of showcasing their school. It would be good to let the parents know what we offer that other schools don't and what may be available at other schools that we don't have. Parent: parents shop the schools before their kids are in the 8
- **Parent: Showcase what Prospect is about. Don't get into the nitty gritty of graduation requirements. Maybe have the cheerleaders perform, the band, the choir, Robotics, etc.**
- **Parent: I felt that my kid had to go to PHS. Parents don't feel they have a choice. Are there options for kids that want something that Prospect doesn't offer?**
- **Parent: Idea, have students write down "Why I like PHS?" and share that at the Parent Night.**
- **Parent: Have props.! Make it BIG!!**

**President: Teacher Appreciation – Operation Holiday Elves**

**Teacher Appreciation! Your student has 6 teachers and we've created a way to show appreciation for them during the holidays with our Second Annual Teacher/Staff Holiday Gift. Each teacher and staff department will receive a hand written card, tissue, Clorox wipes and a gift card(s) wrapped festively by our parent volunteers and delivered to the classrooms by our ASB students on December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Last year's theme was "Thank you for going the Extra Mile" and this year's is "Thank you for being Remarkable". Cindy Van Hoy is our chair this year. We'll be putting together the gifts in the teacher staff room on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer has updated our E-commerce to include new teachers and staff. Parents can go online to donate the teacher(s) and staff of their choosing: <https://prospectptsa.org/teacher-staff-holiday-gift/>

**Parent Ed Chair:**

Still in the planning stages, but we are planning to show the movie "Angst" in February on the 11<sup>th</sup> or...

Hosting our College Night in March or April.

Robert Varich noted that there are important statistics to support showing "Angst", the latest report in the district shows that 30% of students have a week when they are depressed and 14% have had suicidal thoughts.

PTSA Meeting ended and Parent Math Night began at 7:30pm.



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