

Notes From PTSA General Association Meeting

February 12th, 2019

In attendance: 16

Meeting called to order in Room 30 at 6:34pm by Shveta

1. Welcome and Introductions! (Shveta)
2. Approval of minutes from 1/15/18
3. Financial reports (Xingli, Treasurer) – Balance of over \$22,000, audit has been completed, put motion out to approve new budget line item for bicycle registrations for \$200; motion is approved.
4. Report of the Executive Board (Shveta) – Angst movie shown yesterday, great Q&A and panel discussion, close to 100 attendees, including those from other schools in district. Winter Wishes occurred last week.
5. Principal Report (Paul Pinza) –
 - A lot going on this weekend: there is the potential for six of our sports teams to be involved in CCS playoffs this Friday and Saturday. Look for announcement in bulletin as early as Thursday, and hope to see a big crowd at any games that we are hosting and also away games.
 - Also, this weekend, Feb 16-17, ESPN SportsCenter will be debuting a documentary called “Who Says We Can’t”, featuring Rob Mendez, Prospect JV football coach. Expect to see an increased interest in Prospect due to this. Feed on Instagram “Prospect Respect”. Working on adding to the feed so it isn’t just football specific. Mock Trial going for county championship vs St. Francis on 2/13 at the downtown Superior courthouse. Please follow Instagram account as the increase in publicity due to ESPN coverage will allow viewers who are interested in our school to have all the info in one space. Steve Marsh has created a style guide for Prospect Respect to branch to all the other Instagram accounts that Prospect has so there is more coordination as we gain visibility as a school. Training ASB students to work on this.
 - Panther Partner effort has resulted in about 2 dozen businesses signed up. Looking at having public event or a series of showings where the ESPN documentary will be showing in a “party” atmosphere with the Prospect Partners businesses, perhaps at Bens BBQ and Brew. Working with other businesses on collaborations...Maybe 49er Fitness gym offering gym memberships to Prospect

athletes, etc.

- Winter Formal Dance this Friday. Looking for donations of any food—pizza, sweets and water. Help needed from 6-7pm and again at 9:30 to clean up. Sign up genius link will be coming in bulletin and hope to put an image on home page for a link to sign up.

6. Reports of the Committees

- 8th Grade Showcase Night – Huge, wonderful improvement from prior 8th grade nights. Those at that morning's MMS HSC meeting spoke about what a great positive vibe it had, was very exciting for incoming 8th graders' families and some younger students and families attended as well. Few constructive comments: would have liked more time for the tables both before and after breakout sessions; perhaps put up a poster with the agenda, since they ran out of the agenda handout; have more variety of sport teams represented, not just football; have someone at door to breakout sessions indicate when the room was full and directing them to go to another one and then return for the next time period, as some rooms got overly packed.
- All sciences converting to NGSS standards next year, which is why they got rid of Honors classes. Since they are getting ready to launch three new courses, it would have been too much to tackle creating 4-6 brand new courses under NGSS, if they had to create an honors version of each. Going forward, Prospect may re-introduce Honors science courses under NGSS once the staple science courses are established. Students will still be able to take AP science courses even though they won't have taken an honors science. Working on making sure these new NGSS courses will prepare the students for an AP science class, also considering other implications these curriculum changes may have. In CUHSD, every school has the Integrated Math sequence, and all are flipping to the NGSS next year. Other districts may be choosing not to do so, but NGSS is the standard for California. NGSS' big theme is that the different disciplines of science run into and across each other. Emphasizes cross- disciplinary education where for example, discussion of the environment runs across biology, chemistry, and physics. Mr. Pinza will host a talk covering the NGSS changes at a future PTSA meeting as there is clearly much interest on this topic. Concerns were raised about differentiation in the classroom

so that kids on different paths are not lost and fall behind when they are in the same class with students who want to pursue science. This will all be addressed along with core path sequences at the future principal meeting.

- Parent Ed Update (Anita) – Angst movie well attended and very pertinent, great community event. There were close to 200 comments given to Principal by students after it was shown to them last week. Last night's panel included a therapist from Bay Area Mental Health, Principal Pinza, and a parent that responded to many parent questions and comments. Final Parent Ed night will be about College and Career, on Monday, March 25. Amy Bencomo will be the speaker. SAT prep class – sessions starting on March 13 or April 16, offered by FuturePath at Prospect. Signups are filling up.
- College and Career Center (Lorie) – SJCC rep was here today at as a part of a three-part series that helped students delve into and uncover career interests. Every Monday morning from 8-9am, the CCC is open for parents to drop in with questions or concerns. Middle College info night on February 27 at 6pm at West Valley Theater. Career Expo upcoming at Branham in April. At the Angst viewing, there was a question if the Prospect CCC is pushing the college path too much, and not enough on career paths. But the fact is that 90% of Prospect grads do go to some type of college post high school, and some kind of college is necessary for a huge range of careers. Linda Gotiya from CUHSD Board commented about the Silicon Valley Career Technical Education coursework and recommended touring the facility at Hillsdale Ave. SVCTE educates eligible high school students within 11 industry sectors where students can explore and develop technical skills that will lead them to higher education or into the workplace.
- School Safety and Climate Committee – Wed. March 27 is bike registration day, after school and early evening. PTSA will cover the cost since we just approved the expenses at the meeting. Benefit of getting students to register bikes is that it will help recover lost bikes. Program is done at Branham currently.
- Grad night – Goodwill truck at Prospect on March 30. Save your donated items! Contact Linda Brooks for where to bring it. **Go KonMari your house!**
- Senior scholarship committee forming. (Shveta) Starting Senior Scholarship committee that has a \$4000 budget from PTSA. Scholarships of \$500 each will be given out to 8 seniors. Applications will go out mid-

March, and will be due before spring break. Committee is working on developing criteria, but it will focus on those involved in Prospect. Will work on coordinating with guidance counselors to ensure that they don't overlap with the scholarships that counselors are involved with.

- PTSA board nominating committee (Shveta)- Need to fill executive PTSA positions for next year, provide the chance to give a new perspective, and to help spread the workload out. More info to come about specific positions available. Contact Cathie Watson-Short if interested in any helping out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm