**Noel from PTSA General Association Meeting & Parent Topic**

March 11, 2019

**In attendance**: 25

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

Welcome and Introductions! (Cathie)

**Principal Report** (Paul Pinza)

* For the first time in 20 years, all winter sports teams at Prospect went to CCS!
* Mock trial team won for Santa Clara County and will go to the state competition.
* Robotics team placed 4th out of 50+ teams in the central valley competition.
* Construction has begun on the new two-story building. Pool renovation will start this summer – may be done by start of swim season. Student union planning still underway. New pressbox at stadium, softball dugouts, scoreboards coming soon. New benches in front of school.
* Thursday March 14 is a student walkout day for March for Our Lives. District and school administration are prepared to create a safe space for students who do or do not choose to participate.

**Approval of minutes** from 2/12/19

**Financial reports** (Treasurer)

Prospect High School PTSA Treasurer's Report period Feb 11 – March 10, 2019

**Balance on hand as of 02/28/2019: $22,383.50**

**Income: $196.68**

• AmazonSmile: $108.91

• eScrip: $87.77

**Expenses:**

• Check 1007: Screenagers $250

• Check 1008: $648.69 (reimburse Jen Loftus for three mini-grants purchase for the teachers – Beena Sharief $96.63, Michelle Leiburndgut $285.06, Jennifer Primmer $267.00)

**Activities and Issues**

\* Added the approved “Community and Climate” line item to the spreadsheet with initial budget of $200

**New budget line item**

New budget line item added in the amount of $500 for the College and Career Center.

**Report of the Executive Board** (Cathie, President)

* + Angst movie shown last month with 30-40 attendees. Wellness discussion afterward.
  + Screenagers (funded by PTSA) will be shown in many PHS English classes.
  + PTSA positions are open for next year:
    1. ExecutiveVice President
    2. Parent Ed
    3. Scholarships
    4. Homecoming committee
    5. Hospitality

**Teacher Report** (Sameen Schoenhair) – no report

**ASB Report** – no report

**Reports of the Committees**

* Parent Ed Update (Cathie) – For the next parent education night, Amy Bencomo will present a talk on the “College Application Experience” on March 25th from 7-9pm in Room 30.
* Test Prep (Cathie) – Amy Bencomo is working with an outside provider to give practice ACT/SAT tests at PHS for a $20 donation on May 11th from 9am-1pm.
* College and Career Center (Cathie) – Written report from CCC Specialist, Amy Bencomo:
  + “I would like to thank the PTSA for encouraging volunteers. I have a strong group of parents who have been tremendously helpful.
  + For updates, I encourage everyone to read the CCC newsletter. We have ~4000 students, parents, and staff in our PHS community and only have ~200 people read the newsletter. How can we build readership? Mr. Pinza is hoping to have all CCC events be more of a school-wide cultural norm - have teachers talk about, students aware, parents ask those follow up question to children about them. To be fair, he's right and I appreciate his support. Most events on the CCC calendar are scheduled weeks or months ahead.
  + This time of year, students are hearing back from schools. If you have seniors, please wait for them to share news with you. Typically, if they are quiet, then it's not news they wanted to hear. Try to have lots of healthy snacks at home (maybe some of their favorite treats). Teens can be cranky when hungry and even more so when waiting to hear from their dream school. The CCC will have *redirection muffins* in my office for the month of March and appreciates any donations (gone through 2 dozen so far!). HOWEVER, most students are hearing good news!! About 2-3 times a day I have a senior come to my office with great news and there are a handful of seniors updating Naviance. May 3rd we will celebrate seniors and their decisions at the Senior Reveal.”
* School Safety and Climate Committee (Sheila) – Visited 45 local businesses last month, talked about student safety and communication, and gave out window clings to build a partnership. PTSA will put an ad in the school newspaper to support these businesses. Some businesses are offering deals to our students:
  + Ike’s gives 50% off to students from 3-5pm.
  + Ben’s BBQ has a meal and drink deal.

Bike registration event on campus March 27 – to tag bikes with identification that will help them be recovered if they are stolen.

* Senior Scholarships (Linda) – Eight $500 senior scholarships given out by PTSA scholarship committee. Deadline Fri April 19.
* Grad night – events coming up:
  + Goodwill truck and Krispie Kreme on Saturday March 30 from 9am-3pm on campus. Save your donations for our truck! (Check on eWaste)
* Panther Paws (Cyndi) – tri-tip fundraiser. Pick up Mar 22. Dinner for 4 for $50.

Meeting adjourned 7:29pm.

Parent Topic at 7:30pm by Paul Pinza, PHS Principal: New NGSS Standards

Principal Pinza gave an overview of the new changes to our Science programs based on the new NGSS Standards and explained the Prospect’s Math pathways. Here is the [Slide Presentation](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ajYiRFZDk7VFbLT2TIBe6x8TxfGZtN07XImI-WeEZW4/edit#slide=id.g520a8f3af2_0_81) Mr. Pinza shared with us.

Main takeaways:

* NGSS was adopted by the state of California in 2013 as the state science standards.  Once standards are in place, a curriculum has to be created and adopted by districts.  Our district is implementing the [NGSS Standards](https://www.nextgenscience.org/) with a new curriculum starting next year.
* Honors courses offered for Science classes will not be offered next year, but all AP Classes remain.
* Parents were concerned that by not having honors classes that the students wouldn’t be prepared for AP science courses. Currently the students are well prepared for AP courses and that wasn’t always the case a few years ago. Science teachers had changed their curriculum to ensure they were more prepared coming from the Honors courses. Mr. Pinza countered this and does NOT believe this will happen with the new science courses. Please see Slide 14 in his [Slide Presentation](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ajYiRFZDk7VFbLT2TIBe6x8TxfGZtN07XImI-WeEZW4/edit#slide=id.g520a8f3af2_0_81).
* Parents were also concerned about losing the grade bump and about the insistence on Physics as a Junior Science course. What are the potential trade-offs for student choice?
* Science teachers are working together to create the courses for next year.
* Mr. Pinza showed the correlations between the common core math and new science standards being adopted. See Slide 11 in the presentation.
* For CPM math at Prospect, teachers have been receiving significant professional development by the district through out the year.
* Parents were concerned that the acceleration point from IM3STEM to AP Calc requires students to get outside instruction to take this class. Advanced students should have an option of taking the current curriculum at an accelerated pace so that they can get their instruction from our public school.
* Mr. Pinza will bring parent concerns and questions to the District.
* Discussion of having another parent topic in the future with science instructors.
* Remarkable