



Notes from PTSA General Association Meeting

DATE 8/13/19

In attendance: 30

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Cathie)
2. **Approval of minutes** from 5/14/19 –
3. **Approval of new board members and committee members:** Grad Night Lead and Grad Night Treasurer.
President's Report (Cathie, President)
 - a. How does H&SC compare to PTSA (training and support, national organization, insurance). We do pay dues to PTSA national. Educational opportunities in the area for parents and PTSA members. Prospect chose a PTSA as it provides more support for running a parent organization for a high school. There are more moving parts and more support is needed for the volunteers to run an effective organization.
 - b. Teacher rep=John McGowan (math) – John was our rep 2 years ago and we are excited to have him back!
 - c. Riley A. = ASB (Associated Student Body) representative, exec board outreach representative for ASB, junior. ASB meets every morning at zero period about 64 students, puts on student events for benefit of school
 - d. New idea for this year: student involvement committee, supported by PTSA, another leadership opportunity for students.
 - e. Homecoming dance theme, PTSA does decorations, theme this year is video games, to be coordinated with student involvement committee.
 - f. What we do: give parents, teachers, students a voice. Parent education, communication with teachers, staff and fellow parents. Teacher and student appreciation and support. Operation Holiday Elves in December; Teacher potluck in spring.
 - g. Plans: membership drive: going on now! All donations are appreciated. <https://prospectpta.org/ptsa-membership-join/> This is our main fundraiser please consider.
 - h. Events calendar: PTSA meetings 2nd Tuesday of the months. Homecoming dance 10/26. SAT/ACT Practice tests. Open house 11/2. Hoping to have SAT pep class again but lost our vendor does anyone know of anyone? Holiday fair need volunteers; 12/7. Holiday and spring teacher appreciation Dec & May. Grad night 6/3/19. Senior scholarships, senior breakfast (june) school safety and climate committee
 - i. Construction project update: pressbox is being built should be ready for first football game. Gym is doing seismic retrofitting and heating/AC being installed. Pool is being renovated, by this time next year new pool should be ready. The area by the potables hasn't been worked on; the soil isn't dense enough to support the initially planned 2 story building. Current plan is to revamp and build instead a one story building which is being bid out to architects right now. Special needs will have dedicated space, robotics will have a dedicated space, plan is end of 2020 school year.
 - j. Mini-grants to teachers likely will open up in September.
5. **Principal's Report (Paul Pinza) –**
 - a. Second year as principal.
 - b. Changes this year: new drop off area. Creekside entrance and parking lot is strictly for those who are staying and parking (i.e. not for drop off). OK to turn left or right. There are TWO drop off lanes (no more parking spaces in the drop off area to make drop off easier). There are three crosswalks painted to help kids cross into school safely from both lanes.
 - c. At registration this year each student given a Chromebook. Equitable access to technology. Checked out like a textbook they will keep throughout their 4 years, must be turned in at graduation. Sprint hotspot programs available for check out the library (for those who qualify) who don't have internet access at home. Some are still available. Loaner Chromebooks are available for those who forget or don't charge them. Exploring solutions to storage during shared locker space (gym) and for those who don't have a regular locker (as not all students got them, ran out). Looking for solutions to storage. Each teacher will spell out their own policy and expectations regarding Chromebook usage in the class. Secure network is the same (has limits on social media etc already in place). Another problem pending is printer connection. Tech support network available.



- d. Vision statement: Owning our future: pushing this year for students to take ownership of their learning; not just digest information but play, explore, practice, interpret the content. Empower students in their learning. Connect it to their future. Valuing students' present experience. Central theme in the vision: OUR. Doing this together. Looking out for each other. No one should feel they have to do the work alone. Triangle: students, staff, parents.
 - e. List of new board members: President=Cathie Watson-Short, VP-Elizabeth Harell, Secretary-Claudine Asrat/Andrea Sullivan, Staff representative-Paul Pinza, Teacher Rep-John McGowan, looking for Parent Ed, Student Ed, Middle school liaison (DCS is open), Community liaison is open, Membership drive-Shveta Bagade, Climate and Safety-Shiva and Sangeetha, Hospitality is open, Events, Homecoming decoration, Senior scholarships open, Gad night chair-Arlene, PTSA volunteer coordinator-Tina Schaefer, Holiday fair leads open
 - f. We hope you get involved!
- a. Panther Paws
- Meetings are first Wednesday of the month 7:00 staff lounge.
 - What Panther Paws does: sports doesn't get a lot of money, just basic safety equipment so PP helps with uniform, balls, nets, shades, almost every spot gets \$1,000 each. Caps at about \$1,000 bc there's 28 teams. Membership is \$65 gets you into all home games (some events are free anyway but many spots entrance fee is charged). Doesn't get you into CCS games. First fundraiser=8/31. Westgate church is pairing up with us for an event 8/31. Kids need to come out to volunteer to work the event kids, coaches, parents all welcome. Event is multi-campus for Westgate churches celebrating 25th anniversary: community party/carnival. Volunteers needed to help with set up, games, parking. Goal is for everyone to wear prospect gear. Westgate plans to donate \$100/athlete to Panther Paws. Sign up online or on paper. In daily bulletin. Volunteer must be 9th grade minimum.
- b. Holiday fair has been run by Panther Paws x 4 years but does not have enough volunteers so handed to Paul Pinza
 - c. There will be two tri-tip fundraisers: preorder and pick up/drive through
 - d. Mattress fundraiser coming up 10/6 (previously done by music)
 - e. Health and wellness fair coming in May, first annual event
- f. Panther Paws is looking for Volunteers – Please contact Ralene W. at <https://www.prospectpantherpaws.org/>

Meeting adjourned 7:57 pm.