



Notes from PTSA General Meeting

DATE 4/21/20

In virtual attendance: 38

Meeting called to order online via Zoom at 7:00 pm by Cathie.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (Cathie)

4. **President's Report** (Cathie, President)

Parent Survey- results: email is best way to communicate - we will take that into account going forward, participation in staff appreciation

Parent Forum- idea for parents, not students to share info and ask questions that other parents may be. Can access it through PTSA website or search on Facebook for Prospect Parent Forum

Online Teaching Grants- teachers are using this new grant process to help with purchase of items needed to teach from home and is being well received.

5. **ASB Report** – Riley. No report

6. **Reports of the Committees**

- Grad Night Committee – Shveta: They are trying to keep in line with what school decides to do...current venue will refund deposit if necessary. The money they raised from fundraisers could be used for an alternate plan, if they have to refund grad night ticket sales. ASB is doing a fundraiser to support grad night, selling Prospect Congrats grad signs.
- College & Career Update – Amy B.--trying to keep seniors and juniors informed. There is a prospect covid-19 webpage as it relates to college admissions. Also has a lot of info on the newsletter- please read. Would be willing to do a meeting with parents on Monday mornings to continue that from the regular school year parent open time, or feel free to email Amy. Normally we have senior reveal day as to what seniors will be doing after graduating...so came up with idea of Future Fridays- similar idea, different platform..will break it up to different Fridays in May, where seniors can opt-in to send in a photo and where they are going to school and they will post them across the Fridays in May. If you have a senior, tell them to fill out survey.
Student Involvement Committee (Noel/Sophia) - this Friday SIC will be electing officers for next year...honorary service awards will be reviewed: outstanding teacher award, outstanding student award, outstanding parent award. Also doing a student survey and have gotten about 170 responses so far and will be publishing results next week. Working on video for seniors to recognize them since they aren't getting their normal recognition this year.
- Panther Paws - Ralene: Parent from EDS (Brian) coming in to take over- will be voted in soon, and he has parents willing to help him. We don't know what will happen with Jason moving to part time Athletic Director. Hopefully Panther Paws will get to spend the money they've raised on the athletes. Upcoming projects:



- Spirit Wall in gym, school song on wall. Jason sent out Scholar Athlete form for seniors to fill out and return so he can work on the Scholar Athlete award.
- Music – Lori (treasurer): Music boosters will be giving out scholarships to senior music students, deadline is in a couple of weeks; will be giving them out in mid-May. Doing a porch photo fundraiser-- a professional photographer will come and take family pictures from your porch. More info at Prospectmusic.org...and hopefully they will send info out as well.
 - Teacher Mini-grant – Claudine: We had a great response to our teacher mini-grants this year. We budgeted \$4000 for this and we got a total of 23 grant requests. PTSA ended up funding grants totaling \$2200 and the rest of the grants were able to be funded by Donors Choose which was a source of funding that Mr. Pinza had connected to. We want to thank all that have donated to PTSA that helped make this happen. The teachers were very grateful to the PTSA for funding these items that help them enhance their teaching. We will put out a full list of the grants awarded on our PTSA website in the coming week.

7. Principal's Report (Paul Pinza)

Wanted to point out and thank the many people on this call who are working hard to keep Prospect a strong community. District is making plans as if we are going to be in the start of a recession at the beginning of the school year. Maybe up to a 10% reduction in budget (\$12 million). Board discussions are all preliminary but will likely decide in the next two weeks. Possible positions to be cut on campus- clerical, cassy counselor, school resource officer, plus district level cuts. Somewhat rosier side- we launched the Prospect Financial Aid program which identified families of financial need so that we qualify for Title 1 funding, and about \$250,000 may be added to our budget...which could soften the district budget reduction blow to us and even allow us to start new programs. Title 1 money is unrestricted and school site council approves the plan. Priorities that the council has set would be social-emotional counseling (keep Cassy counselor), academic recovery programs (after school ongoing concurrent recovery), tech support program (GenYes), more programs targeted toward life skills or career oriented programs (e.g., drivers ed, personal finance program). Title 1 funding is meant to support low socio-economic students, but these programs will benefit all students.

Construction projects are moving ahead. Pouring concrete in new pool, repairing concrete walkways around campus. However, the big projects (student union and the 10-classroom building behind portables) are a bit delayed because they are sitting at the state architecture office and their work has slowed down. Waiting for green light to start on those by time school starts..optimistic that this is so. Outdoor classrooms by stadium are planned to have an engineering/maker space that Robotics could use after school, but the IM3 Stem or Physics or other CTE classes use to demonstrate concepts during school. SALES program will have to move to Del Mar for two years while facilities are being built, but they will come back to a new, modernized space.

Plans to celebrate seniors: Rolling out a number of celebrations to make sure they know we honor and value them despite the adversity they are experiencing. Want to honor every



single senior for being the accomplished, unique individuals they are. Each ASB student has taken on 5 seniors that they will highlight in a video profile of them, create a gallery and slideshow on our website. Dedicate future Fridays to celebrate where they will be going after Prospect. Also, are planning to group together Student Athletes, Visual and Performing Arts seniors, AVID seniors. Will do a virtual Grand award ceremony (streaming video) where seniors will be recognized and there will be a video announcement from the teachers. Will be a surprise to seniors what they won. Will be recorded and archived on our website. In midst of collecting ideas about what a graduation ceremony will look like and want a consistent format across the schools in the district and should decide by early next week. Students don't want to just do a virtual thing...want something that gives them an experience of walking across the stage and receiving a diploma. Possibly a drive through graduation, or a filmed ceremony with each person walking across the stage with a few family members in theater and then stitch those films together to be disseminated to all.

Others brought up ideas- what the air force did for their graduation to space it out, a walking parade down Prospect Ave. Appreciative of Paul being open to ideas and working to get a satisfactory ceremony.

5. **Teacher's Report** (John McGowen) - speaking about the math department, specifically, they have been trying to find a way to give student's meaningful work, giving live lectures, assigning homework from these lectures, earning points on assignments, students are getting more feedback than normal because teachers have more time to review assignments. Attendance is about 60-65% online..either they don't show up for class because they know they can review the video later or if they are just not doing their homework. Narrating the slides and can stop as students ask questions. Was asked question if there should be a standard platform used by teachers as it seems there are too many-- this was a district decision that they gave teachers discretion to use google meet or zoom. If this distance learning is still the case in the fall, they will likely resort to one platform for consistency.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Claudine Asrat, Secretary