



Prospect High School Parent Teacher Student Association

Minutes from PTSA General Association Meeting

DATE 5/12/2020

In attendance: 38

Meeting called to via Zoom/Facebook Live at 7:03 pm by president

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

last PTSA meeting of the year.

2. **Approval of minutes** from January and April; **PASSED**.

3. **Financial reports** (Xingli, Treasurer):

Increased the budget fo teacher mini-grant to \$7,000

Has 8-9 applications for remote learning grants

Will have a larger than usual surplus this year, but this is OK because we have a large amount of uncertainty ahead

Some of the emergency grant requests: teachers asking for digital development department: PTSA bought 4 laptops for students who don't have devices at home for digital tools program, those computes will come back to PTSA and be used over and over again. Another example is Mandarin teacher bought an online subscription, drawing tablet, tablet pen, other examples

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

- a. Big item is to get all the positions filled next year: Cathie has been president x 3 years; together we've built the PTSA and is much larger and greater presence than before. Cathie can't do it again, our succession plan fell apart. Other organizations such as grad night must run UNDER the umbrella of the PTSA, need the tax ID # and structure, etc. Plea to consider stepping up to take a leading role so we don't lose all that PTSA supports for our students. It can take up to a year to get a new booster up and running with permission to operate in the school district.
- b. Review of survey results—some results are surprising, take a look: ProspectPTSA.org

5. **Principal's Report (Paul Pinza)** –

- a. Guidance for County office of Ed re: graduation. Our plan can go forward with a couple of tweaks. Plan is to combine collecting everything from seniors (i.e. collecting chromebooks, uniform, etc) by spacing it out over June 2-3 similar to how they spaced out locker collections going through stations on campus to go through checkboxes. Last station on checkout is diploma pick up, but placed on middle of the stage so seniors can walk across the stage; immediate family members from the same house would be able to attend. County guidelines recommend being outdoors rather than in theater. Working on developing a waiting area for parents. Working on ways to get staff involved in check in.
- b. Week of locker clear out went well, esp on fridays when seniors came in—2/3 of the class came in!



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- c. Looking ahead to June/July/August: how to space out weeks in June to maintain social distance but bring students back who have things to return. Some potential new procedures might affect enrollment and registration; details to follow
 - d. In terms of start of school a committee is just being formed and conversations are starting. Starting to think about that in terms of logistics, what needs to be communicated to families, is it going to look different? Probably, but details remain TBD
 - e. Chat question: “will seniors still get yearbooks?” = yes, delivered next week sometime so should be part of the process of senior drop off/graduation
6. **Teacher Report** none scheduled – but Mr. McGowan asked good questions.
 7. **ASB Report** – not available
 8. **Reports of the Committees**
 - a. SIC (Student involvement Committee) - Sophia and Noel. Honorary service awards presented to individuals who have given back to Prospect: adult, teacher, staff, student. Adult: Elizabeth Harrel, Coach Breit, Coach Cable. Sdtudents: Camille Boiteux and Valeriia Pak and outstanding teacher Kurt Meeker and outstanding staff Amy Bencomo.

Elizabeth Harrel: above and beyond

Cable: genuinely cares about students

Coach Breit: hardworking and dedicated coach

Valeriia Pak: upperclassman role models

Camile Boiteux: does so much for people and advocates for girls

Meeker: takes his time to answer questions, funny, kindhearted, cares about drama program

Bencomo: everyone respects her and always available to help

b. Grad night committee: trying to decorate around campus so when they come on campus they can stand by a banner for photos. Sheri Russo. Meeting coming up to narrow in on some details

c. Tina, volunteer coordinator: unavailable

d. Ralene: panther paws, 4 new people coming on. 4 additional scholarship awards will be read anonymously, in addition to the 2 scholarship awards. Giving each senior athlete will get a patch plus a gift card bc they didn't get their senior night. Coaches who asked for money for spring will still get # they request others will get money they requested. Fundraising fo next year may be harder until SIP is lifted, awaiting for guidance from county.

e. Amy Bencomo, college & career counselor: info coming at breakneck speed. class of 2021 a different environment. CSU phone call today: not looking at test scores. Don't stress over test scores: think about how you're contributing to community, how contributing to school. Schools will look at 5th and 7th semesters of school; they will bridge what you'd have been able to achieve. Class of 2020 has mostly reported already where they're going next year. 9% unknown or no response. 1% continuing with career training. Almost 3% taking a “gap year” and 2% going straight to a career. 1 student going to “bucca libre” which professional wrestling. 8 students going straight to military. 40% to 2 year and 42% going to 4 year college. For class of 2021 encourage everyone to join google classroom that Amy has set up. So many students continue education past prospect. [June 13th SJ public library has asked Amy to present on college bound and covid-19.](#) All are welcome to attend. For class of 2022 now accepting applications to serve as college and career ambassadors it's due Friday. There is most clarity coming from CSU if any questions please ask now or via zoom call.



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f. Ivy Chesser, president of music boosters: fundraiser=porch portraits, going well, getting great feedback, check the school's website, suggested donation = \$25. Also working on scholarships deadline is past but they've received many. Meeting is tomorrow night. Elections coming.

Parents nominated: two awards: plaques for everyone: 1) outstanding administrator award: Kiran Grewal, great resource for college application, always available to talk to you, excited about prospect 2) Ralene Wasielewski for panther paws board for president for 7 years!

Nancy Pfeiffer, from CUHSD: (To see her slides go to the Zoom Recording of this meeting) To speak to school's budget concerns. A couple things to keep in mind: we've been through recessions before; always financially related (housing crash, stock market). We're using to dealing with financial crises; the difference here is not just the financial crisis but also the need for us to reopen the schools and provide a safe environment for the students. ON the one hand we'll see a reduced revenue from the financial crises and on the other hand we have to have the resources to provide a safe environment at district and state level. More need for social assistance for those who can no longer afford rent, food.

State of CA dept of finance \$54 billion short fall anticipated. Decrease in funding of \$18.3 billion dollars for education. \$2,205 average daily attendance reduction or \$18 mil on U shaped scenario; on L shaped scenario could be 2835 per ADA or \$24 million.

Even before that district had been looking at a reduced budget scenario. But neither had approached the scenarios as above.

Nancy went on to outline some of the proposed budget cuts, in draft form, nothing in stone yet. Also looked at some areas of saving, due to covid 19 less money on substitutes, utilities, security officers, etc.

Question: recession scenarios: in the past, recession impacts lasted about 3 years.

Question: what is likelihood of schools opening in July as per the governor's comments? No indication on district level that will happen.

Question: what if school is all online? HOW does that affect the budget? Less impact, per Nancy.

Question: social distancing will likely not be eliminated; though SIP may. For example, eliminating or reducing athletic directors and athletic trainers may be more feasible as there may not be sports allowed. Eliminating cassy counselors? How would that work as they are still needed in context of social distancing. If students are not on campus less need for resource counselors.

Decisions about students being on campus are NOT being made on the basis of cost. The primary determinant is health, safety and well being of students and employees. Decision being made about what model to utilize has to do with health.

Question: budget projection if a full year of distance learning? 80% is salaries; if no instructional minutes are being reduced, then that cost doesn't change.



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Question: if we go online again, grades? Paul Pinza: when distant e-learning was announced, language was very specific directing that school employees remain on paid status; rotate to stay on site/off site. All teachers getting full salary.

Conversation is just starting at district level re-opening committee, continuum of scenarios from full normal opening all the way to full distance learning at start of year to some hybrid options in between. Parent and community input will be solicited. Survey of leadership students re: distance learning. Students coalesced around a couple ideas: 1, focused real-time instruction on narrow targeted set of learning goals. i.e. not full curriculum on-line. Grades are being considered on these committees.

Comment: many students are struggling with online learning. Paul Pinza notes that teachers are struggling too this is all new.

Question: are there parents and teachers on the reopening committee? Paul: no, but just starting, and feedback will be solicited

Question: AP tests? college board is determining their approach, likely to be modified as they have been reformatting

Question: internet connectivity is a problem. Will prospect provide solution? IT has been delivering devices to students and staff

Comment: please consider using only one platform, zoom, google classroom, etc, too much for parents and students to manage

Question: what are examples of site position the might be cut? Still TBD, looking at cutting FTEs not positions per se, not prepared to specify at this time

Question: will football be pushed back if it is cancelled d/t social distancing? Maybe, still TBD, determined by the state agency that governs high school sports.

Question: what are the events fo end of school for non-seniors. Paul: starting to put together some details; only essential reason to bring non seniors back onto campus is to collect school materials.

Question: parent feedback on how kids are behaving, teachers can make better plans if he knows how the kids are behaving. Many suggestions on surveying parents/students, survey fatigue is a thing?

Question: can students reassess their class choices given they're now seeing how distance learning impacts classes. Paul: right now, no. Possibly another window may come in the future.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.