

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for meeting March 11, 2014

Welcome and introductions:

Louise Henderson called Meeting to order at 8:15 AM. Eight were in attendance.

Secretary's Minutes:

The minutes are posted on the website. Louise motioned to approve them and Liesbeth seconded them.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Michele Felt could not attend the meeting, no report. A check for the Music Festival has been signed. The annual Music Festival should be added to next year's February meeting.

Student Council's Report:

No students attended this morning meeting, no report.

Superintendent Patrick Gaffney:

LCAP = Local Control and Accountability Plans

There is a pretty large achievement gap in California between Caucasian students and students from different backgrounds. Socioeconomic disadvantaged students and English learners need to be supported.

California underfunds education, our state was 48th in the country in 2006.

Funds need to be redistributed. When Governor Brown was in office for the first time, he concentrated on Prop. 13. Most districts in CA see incremental funds (Prop. 30). CUHSD is a basic aid district and won't get any money out of this fund, but is required to spend the money (\$1.9 million) as if it has been received. Many people think that money from Northern CA is getting diverted to Southern CA.

We are dependent on our local funds, local tax.

Three main goals for our district:

1. Successfully implement Common Core
2. Close Achievement Gap
3. Increase % of students that are college & career ready

To give parents a voice in the process, a survey will be (electronically) sent to them, before the end of next week.

Danielle Pirslin volunteers to represent PHS at the monthly meetings with parents from the district.

Principal's Report:

This spring lots of testing will take place.

PHS is in a pilot for "Smarter Balance Assessment". Testing will begin after spring break, a calendar will be mailed soon. Juniors will be tested during History class, and sophomores during English class.

EAP testing for juniors has to be taken during English class. There will be one week reprieve before AP testing starts.

Soon, sophomores will take the CAHSEE. Students can take this exam 7 times (even 2 years after they graduate). Some do, especially for math. In the end, 3 or 4 students don't pass.

New Business:

- Next year all PTSA meetings will be held in the evenings.

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Friday, May 16. Volunteers: Beth and Claudia. Danielle will arrange coffee.
- PTSA Senior Scholarships. Deadline: March 24. Volunteer: Maria Laughlin.
- It might be a good idea to have a Nominating Committee. We are still looking for a president.
- Grad Night 2015: Looking for a contact person so that the Class of 2014 can help them getting started.
- Daily Bulletin: Beena will try to put the text in the body so that no link needs to get opened.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, April 15, 7 PM

Tuesday, May 13, 8:15 AM