

Santa Cruz High School PTA Minutes December 11, 2017

6:30 pm Welcome, Introductions – Shawn Coulson, President

Attendees: Shawn Coulson, Sheila Peck, Rishi Lal, Paula Tinoco, Juan Hernandez, Angelica Tolentino, Larisa Owechko, Jon Luini, Veronique Winiarski, Tom Crahen, Lisa O'Neill, Enrique Sahagun, Lesley Harris, Krista Holt

Ongoing Projects/Action Items:

Parent/Student Education Events – Tom Crahen

The Last Lecture film: Brent is considering it to parents, probably in conjunction with the Race to Nowhere. The administration thought it was dated for kids, but they would still be welcome. Tom may schedule it in January, in the week after finals.

College Planning Workshop(s): Tom is considering scheduling this event for February. We would offer each planner \$250 to make participation more attractive. So far he has received only rejections from the planners, but perhaps with some funding and the ability to repeat last year's program he may get some takers. The same planners as last year will be invited. We spent about \$750 last year on materials. The PTA group as a whole felt that the workshops were very valuable. A motion for spending up to \$2,000 on the College Planning Workshop(s) was approved: Yes 14; No 0; Abstaining 0. Lisa O'Neill wondered if this event would have to go through the Budget Committee. The Committee explained more about how the Committee worked; the form for the Committee would be used for clubs and other organizations that apply to the PTA for funding, but this event is a PTA event and wouldn't need to go separately through the Budget Committee.

Fundraising: Tom said he didn't understand well enough what PTA funds are spent on, and didn't feel comfortable asking people for money, so he didn't organize his planned end-of-year campaign. We can ask for more in the fundraising planned for February. The two recent fundraisers were very successful: at Hamburger Habit, where the PTA received 100% of the funds, we earned \$2085. About 150 people attended. At the "Sip and Shop" at Artisans, where we received 20% of sales, we earned about \$800. Rachael is the person in charge and deserves a big round of applause.

Special Reports:

Larisa Owechko, Leadership:

ASB's big project is Winter Formal, which will be on Saturday (December 16) at Roaring Camp. About 75 tickets have been sold; the goal is 150. We just had Club Day – 25 clubs are registered, plus there are more that are not registered. Powder Puff Football is coming up, where the junior girls play the senior girls. There is a committee that is organizing it for the spring. It was originally cancelled, but the students were for it.

Rishi Lal, Assistant Principal:

Grad Night: The Senior Committee talked to the senior class about Grad Night. Over 50% (about 115 students) of the class voted for the proposal at the Boardwalk, although there wasn't another choice offered. There will also be a senior bonfire on Seabright Beach (160 students were interested) and a senior breakfast (about 90 students interested). They voted for "cardinal", a dark red, instead of plain red, to be the color of the gowns. There was concern about students getting high and drunk at the bonfire, and that safe driving needed to be considered.

Staff Holiday Party: This was a nice event that occurred the Friday before.

Principal's Advisory Committee: The students are interested in having a talk on sexual harassment. There will be an assembly in the end of January, working with Monarch Services for the presentation. The Committee, which consists of 12 students, has met twice.

Red and White Fair: This fair and Back to School Night will be on the same night on January 31. Back to School Night will be 5:30 – 6:30, and the Red and White Fair will be afterwards. A packet including information about all the teachers will be compiled for the Red and White Fair. Lisa O'Neill noted that smart boards help make a good presentation. There are only 4 on campus.

ELAC, Carolina Martinez:

Carolina was not present at the meeting.

Board and Committee Reports

Sheila Peck, Secretary:

November 2017 minutes: The November 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Shawn Coulson:

No significant change. Shawn said that we will set aside an extra \$10,000 for Grad Night, even though we expect to get most of it back. The Drive for Schools funds have been dispersed to the various clubs and teams. Rishi asked whether it was possible to get umbrellas for the outdoor tables; the students could use more shade. There could be a problem with vandalism. Lesley suggested that we might be able to get cheap umbrellas at garage sales.

Campus Beautification Committee: (Jane McKenzie absent)

Trish clarified that she is not actually Campus Beautification anymore, and that the committee needs new blood. Jane McKenzie is still running it, but Trish has not been running it since last year. No new events are on the schedule; it will pick up again in the spring.

Hospitality Committee: (Erin Murphy absent)

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Events: The November teacher/staff breakfast was fantastic; there was an excellent turnout of food.

Budget Committee, Shawn Coulson:

Band Boosters funding request: The new form was used. Shawn read a letter from Kathy Griffith which described the value of the Santa Cruz High School Band program. It currently serves over 80 students, including several bands and color guard, and includes many events. The funding will

help the group go to Hawaii over spring break, especially helping 5 needy students. Band Boosters requested \$1000 or any amount up to this figure. The PTA Board suggested \$500, or a scholarship of approximately \$100 per student. The group wanted to leave money for other scholarships. The PTA budget for scholarships is still being developed, but will likely be about \$3,500. A motion of spending \$500 for Band Boosters was approved: Yes 10; No 0; Abstaining 1. It was suggested that groups that receive money from the PTA report back on their activities.

Ongoing Projects/Action Items, continued

Spirit Wear – Rishi Lal:

No update.

Race to Nowhere – Rishi Lal:

The administration is still considering a date for showing this film. The evening of February 7, a minimum day, was suggested.

Dance: (Alison Buchner absent)

Options for dance are limited due to space. In an email Alison suggested offering dance for 3 months after school in the spring when wrestling is no longer using the cafeteria. Sheila expressed some annoyance at there weren't better options for dance. There is a dance club which will be performing at the next Friday rally, as well as a rock band called "Three Hole Punch". An FTE is still needed for dance to be offered during the school day. It was suggested that dance be offered as part of PE. There is an aide at SCHS who is a salsa instructor outside of work. The simplest way to offer dance is as part of a club. Brent would prefer to have a real dance studio – would that be part of the bond measure funds? SCHS can also participate in the Escapades at Harbor High; this should be publicized.

Spring SAT Prep Course – Shawn Coulson:

There will be another course offered in the spring by Future Path Prep. It was well received in the fall. The course will run February through March. Shawn will need volunteers to proctor the practice test. It will still be \$125.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed for the Treasurer position, Campus Beautification Committee chair, Fundraising Committee chair, and Volunteer/Membership Coordinator. The Treasurer and Volunteer/Membership Coordinator are Board positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.