

Santa Cruz High School PTA Minutes May 14, 2018

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

Rishi Lal, Shawn Coulson, Erin Murphy, Sheila Peck, Lesley Harris, Krista Holt, Enrique Sahagun, Angelica Tolentino, Shari Scruton, Mimi Trenholme, Lisa O'Neill, Ann Scholz, Margaret Hall, Veronique Winiarski, Meghan Thomas, Amanda Ghest

Special Reports:

Rishi Lal, Vice Principal:

Prom: Prom was held recently at Coconut Grove and went very well. 370 students attended. ASB made a profit of about \$1500.

Senior rally: The Senior Rally will be on June 1 during second period. They are working on the slide show, and trying to coordinate a senior flash mob to dance.

Graduation: This is coming together. It will be very student focused. There will be a student speaker, a student duet, the choir will sing the national anthem, and the band will play. There will not be any adult speaker. The valedictorians decided they didn't want to speak; instead, there will be a short video about these 10 students.

Senior Breakfast and Graduation: The Senior Breakfast will be at Loudon Nelson on the morning of Graduation, June 8. The breakfast will start at 8:00 and will go until 9:30. The charge is \$5:00. The Breakfast will feature "most likely to" awards, and there will also be a student speaker and performer, and a faculty speaker. Afterwards, the group will walk from Loudon Nelson to Kaiser Arena for Graduation practice. They'll leave rehearsal by 11:00, and come back to the Arena by 1:00 for the 2:00 Graduation. Graduation will be 1 to 1 ½ hours. Rishi asked the PTA for volunteers for the Breakfast, especially for the setup from 7:00 to 8:00. He also asked the PTA to provide canopies and water for the hour prior to Graduation. Meghan said she would write up a blurb asking parents to volunteer and send it to Rishi to okay. Shawn said she had a couple of 5 gallon water containers; Meghan does too.

Black Student Graduation: This event will be on June 1, from 5:00 - 6:00, with reception following. (Note: SCCHS calendar says 6/3 from 2:00 - 3:00??)

Senior Awards Night: This will be held May 29.

Measure O and P Update: The inside of the gym will be painted this summer. They are looking at roof in science building.

Link Crew Fall 2018: Next fall's Link Crew has been established. The theme is "Keep it Cardinal", similar to "Keep it 100". They have ordered a number of tchotchkes; lanyards are especially popular.

ELAC - Angelica Tolentino:

ELAC had a meeting recently where the focus was preparing for the Latino Graduation. There will be 45 students; 10 to 15 students will not be participating. The Graduation and the reception following will both be held in the gym on June 1. They are considering having mariachis and possibly a disk jockey.

Board and Committee Reports

Minutes - Sheila Peck, Secretary:

April 2018 PTA minutes: The April minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Shari Scruton, Treasurer:

The Lighthouse account is \$25,000 greater, thanks to another \$25,000 check from Jean Englade's mother earmarked for teacher support. Grad Night ticket purchases have started online. Meghan suggested giving money to the teachers before the start of school. Teachers currently get an allotted amount each year. She suggested giving each teacher an equal amount, but others at the meeting felt that were differences in need between teachers and departments, and that it was better not to give to each teacher equally. It was decided that we needed more time to figure out how to allocate the money. Shari and Sheila volunteered to be part of the decision-making process.

Hospitality Committee - Erin Murphy:

The Teacher/Staff Luncheon: The Luncheon will be held Wednesday, May 16. The cost per head ended up to be about \$20. There will be a mariachi band. The invitation to the event was written in Spanish, and there was good feedback from that. Help is still needed for the event, especially for cleanup.

Annual giving flyer: This year the summer packet will go out electronically, although the forms associated with the packet will not be electronic. Erin had already developed the flyer for the packet and showed the group.

Ongoing Projects/Action Items

Race to Nowhere - Krista Holt

This event went well, especially the part when the filmmaker answered questions for 45 minutes afterwards; people were very engaged. About 100 attended, although many more who signed up didn't show up; Krista recommended asking for a few dollars so that there is more commitment. The video now in library; it could be used as part of the 9th grade curriculum.

Emotional health surveys: a social and emotional health survey for 9th, 10th, 11th graders will go out in September as part of the school safety plan. The California Healthy Kids survey for 9th and 11th graders will go out in January or February 2019.

Grad Night - Lisa O'Neil

The Grad Night Committee has held 4 major fundraisers, including 3 dinouts, and Drive for Schools. They solicited over 100 local merchants, and the response has been great. They are now promoting ticket sales; \$9,200 has been raised to date. Donations earmarked for scholarships have been kept separate. There is enough scholarship money

so far for 5 students; to date just one student has requested a scholarship. Lauren is collecting money for Grad Night in the front office. Two banners made for the front and back of school. Tickets will go up to \$85 on May 15. They will need chaperones, but haven't dealt with that issue yet.

Poker Night Fundraiser - Sheila Peck

This fundraising idea was proposed by Tom Crahen in a recent survey to the parents, and he received significant interest in the idea. Sheila followed up by meeting with a woman named Denise, a friend of Lesley Harris' who has been organizing Poker Night fundraisers for Scotts Valley High School's athletic booster club. It has been a large and successful event for them - they've done it for 8 years and raised \$15,000 this past year. It is quite complex, though - a math teacher organizes everything involved with the poker players separately, and they have built the event with lots of effort over the years. Sheila read an email of notes from her meeting with Denise that she had sent previously to the Board and Tom. Some key points were: 1) we'd need to have significant commitment from the PTA to build this fundraiser over a period of years, 2) we'd want to find a venue where we could hold it each year (SVHS holds theirs each year at Bruno's, which is a great neighborhood bar), and 3) you need to register with the State Department of Justice to hold a gambling event, and the turnaround time to get the registration form is about 6 weeks. Some suggestions for possible venues for a Poker Night event included: the Elks Lodge, Portuguese Hall, Loudon Nelson, Harvey West, and a westside bar or winery.

Announcements/Comments:

Job Shadowing: Veronique said she was disappointed that the Job Shadowing program didn't get off the ground this year. She noted that the school is lacking in career information for the students, and that she and Tom had organized the introductory workshop and suddenly it was dropped. Rishi asked her to email him, and that he would be talking with Brent the following day. Rishi said the program hasn't been fully dropped, that it had just been pushed off to next year. Veronique said that she wanted to have it planned over the summer so that it's ready to go for next year.

Support for Graduations: Shawn reported that \$300 had been given to the Latino Student Union for Latino Graduation, \$250 to the Black Student Union for stoles for the Black Graduation, and \$250 to Rainbow Alliance for the Queer Youth Student Awards. Rishi reported that the name for the Black Graduation is changing to African Heritage Graduation. The big draw for the Black Student Union is the 3 annual college trips that they sponsor. AVID needs support for taking kids on college trips. They have done this in the past, but didn't do it this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.