

Hillsdale High School (HHS)
Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO)
Meeting of the General Membership -- Monday, February 05, 2007

Call to Order/Introductions (Lois Darbonne for Liz Wiegand): The meeting of the General Membership was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Program (Lois Darbonne): Pam Levy, MA, MFT, presented information and materials designed to facilitate communications between parents and teenagers. Key points: Parents/Adults can help by communicating in a consultative versus dictatorial manner; use specific phrases and techniques designed to keep communication channels open.

Approval of Minutes (Alison Nyberg): The minutes of the January 08, 2007 meeting were reviewed. The Music Boosters event noted as the *SMA* Jazz Festival should be *CMEA* Jazz Festival. It was **MSP** (*Moved, Seconded, Passed*) to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Toni Johnson): For the period of 01/09/2007 to 02/05/2007, the opening balance was \$10,102; the closing balance was \$13,128. Receipts included AKOTT's contribution and membership dues of \$3,025, and interest earned on the account. There were no Disbursements. It was **MSP** to approve the report. It was **MSP** to release \$500 for Service Awards and \$500 for Student Enrichment for a contribution to the Robotics team.

President's Report (Liz Wiegand): Liz reported on events at the all-school President's meeting. Craig Childress presented the teachers' position on the current District contract and budget issues. Five architects have been engaged by the District to begin working on the facilities improvements tied to Measure M.

Principal's Report (Yvonne Shiu)

- Boys' Varsity Basketball team is tied for 1st place in the division. Friday Feb 9 is a home quad game against Aragon. It will be Randy Metheny's last game as Varsity head coach.
- PAL soccer playoffs began Feb 5. HHS had a come from behind win against Woodside.
- Feb 10 - Winter Formal, in the gym. Doors will close at 8 p.m. All students will be subject to breathalyzer testing.
- Feb 08 - Senior parents meet to plan graduation activities.
- Feb 12 - Eighth Grade Family night, 7-9 p.m. beginning with a meeting in the Auditorium.
- Feb 15 - Six week grading period ends. Progress reports should be in home mailboxes by Feb 24.
- Feb 16 - Feb 19 is a four-day weekend.
- Recent hires: new office assistant and a new counselor ("Mr. D"), whose focus will be on students at risk of not passing the CAHSEE.
- Contract talks between the District and teachers continue. A state negotiator has been brought in.
- The grant writer will meet with Site Council on Feb 6. This session is rescheduled from January 22.
- A new tardy policy has been tested and seems to be effective in reducing tardies. Periodically teachers are asked to lock their doors when the tardy bell rings. Students must get a pass to be admitted.
- Summer school will be held at San Mateo and Capuchino. Hillsdale is unavailable because air conditioning will be installed.

AKOTT - A Knight On The Telephone (Denise Kubick, Nancy Venezia)

AKOTT will hold a silent auction of reserved graduation seats at the Senior Parent Meeting. A set of six seats in the first three rows will be auctioned.

Drama Boosters (Sheryl Thirlwall) (www.hillsdalehigh.com/organizations/drama_boosters.html)

One-Act Plays are in rehearsal. Performances are March 8 and 9. The spring show is *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Music Boosters (Katey Bielagus) (www.hillsdalehigh.com/organizations/music_boosters.html)

At the CMEA Jazz Festival held on Feb 2, Jazz band received an rating of *Excellent* for their performance and a rating of *Good* for sight-reading. Night of Pops was postponed from Feb. 6; date was still TBD as of this meeting. Music groups are going to Disneyland March 28-30 to attend workshops, perform and tour the parks.

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Athletics Boosters (Janine Wrightson) (www.hillsdalehigh.com/organizations/athletic_boosters.html)

No report.

Dance Ensemble - On Mar 10 - Mar 12, Dance Ensemble is going to Disneyland to attend workshops, perform and tour the parks. Rehearsals continue for Knight Moves VIII on May 11 - 12.

Student Government -- No report

Teacher Rep (Debra Stucke)

Sophomores are preparing to take the CAHSEE. The teachers' "Unity Movement" is escalating district-wide as more teachers are "closing their doors" after school on Wednesdays.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Robotics Club

Mr. Steve Maskel, advisor asked for financial support to send teams to the California and National competitions. So far they have raised \$4,600, but need an additional \$500 (SRI has contributed \$1,000). The team consists of 15 - 20 members, of whom 7 - 10 compete for the team. It was MSP to contribute \$500 to Robotics for this year.

Service Awards (Annette Schendel)

Nominations for the 2007 Service Awards are being accepted. Nominations are due Feb 21. Notices will be placed on School Loop and the HHS web site.

Nominating Committee (Liz Wiegand)

The Nominating Committee for the 2007 - 2008 PTSO board will meet to submit candidate names to the membership. The Committee is comprised of the Principal or faculty member as advisory, parents, and students. This year's committee will be Yvonne Shiu, Liz Wiegand, Pam Fiorucci, Deb Stucke, and Denise Kubick.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting is March 12, 2007, Room 110, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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