

Palo Alto High School Site Council
Monday, May 4, 2009

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Kenyon Scott called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. in Portable 3. Members present were Ning Xu, Lorraine Brown, Cherie Sopkin, Elspeth Farmer, Kenyon Scott, Kathy Himmelberger, Kathie Laurence David Cohen, Carla Guerard, Julia Sing, Arlene Leslie, Kevin Ward, Lucas Maze, Jasmaer Sandhu, Mary Dimit- PTSA, Principal Jacquie McEvoy and Coordinator Edie Miller. Not present: Alex Freeman, Also present: Camille Townsend (PAUSD School Board), Faith Brigel.

ITEM 2 APPROVALS OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 13, 2009 were approved with spelling corrections and two content changes; item 6-please be flexible with practice schedules during Finals Week and item 5- (last sentence) Students are initially chosen by a lottery within each freshman math class.

ITEM 3 OPEN FORUM

Camille Townsend reported on activities at the School Board: math adoption, boundary adjustments, new classes at Paly and Gunn. She will officiate at Graduation.

Elspeth expressed the stress students are under because of the crash of InClass.

ITEM 4 PTSA FUNDING

Mary reviewed the Viking and Fast Track grants that have been awarded this spring. She added quantity information for several items. She pointed out the request from math. She also corrected the fast Track request for posters; it should be K. Laurence, Social Science.

ITEM 5 PROJECT FUNDING DISCUSSION

Jacquie began the discussion by taking some items off the table:

- 6. Science Aide will be funded by PiE
- 9. Curriculum development will be covered elsewhere
- 12. Biotech application withdrawn
- 13. ARC furniture will be funded with facilities funds.

Kenyon then invited members to comment and ask questions on projects in numerical order. Requests for more information were made for some projects and the following members will make contact with the applicant before the May 18 meeting.

- 2. Jacquie will find out more information.
- 8. Kathy Laurence will get more details.
- 10. Arlene will get more information.

ITEM 6 REPORTS

PTSA-Mary reported that May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation week. There will be a luncheon on May 8. On May 14, Jacquie will address the PTSA at 8:15 AM.

STUDENT COUNCIL- Not in Our School Week was a big success. Kevin chaired an effort to raise \$250 for Camp Everytown There will be a mini spirit week, culminating in Field Day. Elections will be held May 5-7. Appointed officers will be filled the week after the election.

ITEM 7 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jacquie reported that Prom was big success. The buses worked very well.

The Facilities committee continues to meet. The architect is working with different

departments. The bids for the El Camino playing field renovations came in under budget so they may be able to add lights.

Jacque then explained that the InClass grading system crashed over the weekend. This caused the lack of all data after mid-March. Teachers are scrambling to recover the lost data. InClass is not very user friendly but it is the only program available for use in PAUSD.

Jacque proposed that there be a College Awareness Day next fall. The juniors will all take the PSAT and there will be workshops and information meetings for the other grades. Input is welcome. Mary suggested a late start.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA IDEAS and ADJOURNMENT

1. Discussion/vote on proposals.

Lucas moved for adjournment and it was seconded. It passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Next meeting-May 18, 2009.