

Sequoia High School PTSA
Association Meeting
December 4, 2012

Principal Bonnie Hansen presented a report to the PTSA and ELAC in the MPR:

- There are two and a half weeks left until the end of the semester. Next week is dead week. If your children tell you they don't know what will be on the final then they aren't paying attention in class.
- The last day of school before winter break is Thursday, December 20. School resumes on Tuesday, January 8. She is encouraging the staff not to assign homework over the break, but this is impossible in some classes (such as IB world language classes and math classes that are covering two years of material in one year).
- In response to a question about the all-school essay, she explained that the practice for the last nine or ten years has been to have the 9th and 10th graders practice the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) while the 11th and 12th graders practice the EAP. (From the CSU website: The EAP (Early Assessment Program) is a collaborative effort among the State Board of Education, the California Department of Education, and the California State University (CSU) established to provide opportunities for students to measure their readiness for college-level English and mathematics in their junior year of high school, and to facilitate opportunities for them to improve their skills during their senior year. The staff will spend Monday, January 7 grading these practice tests and coordinating so that students receive consistent input about writing skills during all four years of high school.

Call to Order:

PTSA President Shoko Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm in Room 50.

Attendees: Silvia Acevedo, Jila Amerian, Sue Anderson, Shoko Barnes, Caroline Bauhaus, Geraldo Cardenas, Deanna Celis, Julie DiBona, Andrea Dierolf, Lisa Duncan, Rebecca Flynn, Cindy Fovenyessy, Steve Green, Marlena Griffin, Alice Henderson, Gaby Knauth, Pat Krpan, Shelle McGee-Lucas, Lauren Pachkowski, Betsy Parkhurst, Lisa Pokorny, Marie Salama, Kerren Smith, Elisabeth Stitt, JoAnn Velayo, Kristine Westerlind, Rebekah Westerlind, Elizabeth Woo, Julie Willett, and Janice Zatarain

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the association meeting on November 6, 2012 were approved as presented.

Statement of Account:

Balance on hand as of Oct. 31, 2012: \$42,901.02

Receipts totaling \$22,187.90

Disbursements totaling: \$13,233.86

Balance on hand as of Nov. 30, 2012: \$43,723.42

Ratified Checks:

1524 17th District PTA	29 memberships through 11/14/12	\$116.00
1525 SHS Boosters Club	Oct. Boosters membership paid through PTSA registration	\$10.00
1526 Sequoia High School	VPA Boosters membership paid through PTSA registration	\$25.00
1527 Attorney General	2011-2012 payment for charitable trusts	\$25.00
1528 Beth Peters	Mini-grant Fall 2012—scientific calculators	\$385.71
1529 Cristelda Guillen	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$100.00
1530 Evelyn Nadeau	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$205.00
1531 Karol-Ann Coleman	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$399.00
1532 Laetitia Kuttan	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$130.00
1533 Steven Wong	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$200.00
1534 Mitch Weathers	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$100.00
1535 SHS Speech & Debate Club	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$100.00
1536 SHS Raven Report	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$100.00
1537 USA Cycling	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$50.00
1538 Katharine Finlay	Mini-grant Fall 2012	\$50.00
1539 17th District PTA	8 additional memberships through 11/30/12	\$32.00
1540 Sequoia High School VPA	Transfer of donations from PayPal online registration	\$922.32

Executive Board Report:

none

Motions:

Lauren Pachkowski made a motion to approve the budget for the Sequoia International Festival, not to exceed \$9,000.

Approved

Alice Henderson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2012 as presented.

Approved

JoAnn Velayo made a motion to ratify checks 1524 through 1540.

Approved

Lauren Pachkowski made a motion to approve the release of funds, not to exceed \$2,000 for the reusable bag sales.

Approved

Sequoia International Festival—Saturday, May 25:

Shoko provided a recap of JoAnn's summary. The budget is \$8,000; that doesn't include money for marketing, which is another \$800. We approved the budget, not to exceed \$9,000.

PTSA Reflections:

Betsy reported that we received 19 submissions in three categories. Five judges selected two winners in the literature category, two winners in the visual arts category, and three winners in the photography category. The first-place winner in each category advances to the district level, which will be judged in February.

Staff Appreciation:

Marlena Griffin reported that plans are moving forward for the staff appreciation lunch to be held December 20 at 12:30 pm. Alice reminded us that our new PTSA policy is to ask parents and businesses for in-kind donations, not cash. The VolunteerSpot sign-up list will be sent out this week.

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca presented a financial report from November 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012. We ratified the checks, approved the treasurer's report as presented, and approved the release of funds, not to exceed \$2,000 for the reusable bag sales.

Status of Graduation Activities

2013: Lisa Duncan reported that they have raised \$15,000 of their goal of \$20,000. The Bingo event in April is projected to raise \$1,000 for the class, and they expect to get another \$1,000 from a second round of direct appeal. There is a joint meeting with the Class of 2016 in January to plan Bingo Night.

2014: Janice Zatarain reported that there are six stadium cushions left. They plan to order 100 more to sell during basketball games, graduation, waterpolo games, and so on. They are also gearing up for basketball concessions, which start in January.

2015: no report

2016: Lisa Pokorny is officially the liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Betsy Parkhurst, Secretary