

April 2009 PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Jen Wastrom, Phyllis Wasko, Kim Breda, Miriam Meese, Colleen Joyce, Lisa Weggeman, Jill DeSalva, Pam Robey, Jean Tompkins and Lauri Harder. From the Administration and Staff: Mary Ann Sheehy, Paula Panos, Gina Pin, Anne Kipp, and Tom McMorrان.

The April meeting began with a presentation by Vanessa Marks from Revolution Prep. She gave everyone a handout with upcoming dates as well as the 2009 Achievement Report. We got information about the programs background, schedules, curriculum, price and size. If anyone would like to know more they can call Vanessa at 1-877-REV-PREP.

We then had a presentation from Dr. Nuzzo on CTASR: CT Academy of Science and Research which is an after school program which culminates with a Science Fair Expo in May. Dr. Nuzzo presented a slide show which included; "What the Program Entails", "Places they have Visited" "Participants" "Final Goal is Science Fair" "2009 Projects" "Fair Affiliations" "Awards". Students interested may see Dr. Nuzzo anytime.

Head of School Report:

Mr. McMorrان shared a poster with the group showing the Proposed 2009-2010 Budget at a 1.96% increase and went over each category of line items.

*Colleen Joyce suggested we write "Thank You" notes for support of our schools from students to neighbors.

*Jean Tompkins suggested we set up an answer booth outside the RCC before and during the vote. Jean has volunteered to coordinate this effort.

*Colleen reminded us that this budget comes to 50 cents a day per household.

*Colleen reminded us that the Yale Alley Cats will be performing at Barlow on Friday night. Tickets are available at the door \$10students/\$15 adults. The group would like volunteers to help collect tickets, donate water/refreshments. It was decided that we should ask each of the students involved to bring in a case of water.

*Pam Robey spoke about the Redding and Easton Community Forum at Mark Twain Library on Wed 4-29 at 7PM. A flyer was passed out regarding this forum.

*Colleen spoke briefly about the Prom Assembly and asked if Post Prom can do a flyer or an info sheet to be handed out.

Ms. Pin spoke about the Barlow Palooza which will be starting during the school day this year and continuing in the evening on Thursday, May 28th. This year it will also include the Senior Speak Outs. Ms. Pin talked about the Palooza becoming a community event and said it will be video taped as well. The full schedule will be coming out soon.

Kim Breda gave us an overview on the Trivia Bee being held Thursday, May 17, 2009 at Samuel Stales Elementary School from 7-9. The Barlow PTSA voted to sponsor one team in the amount of \$300. (Wasko/DeSalva).

Pam Robey and Jean Tompkins have volunteered to be the JBHS representatives for the superintendent search. There will be a 40 minute meeting on Wed 4-29 and they would like any suggestions as to questions to ask or issues to be raised. Please email Pam at Robey@optonline.net. Pam will send out a reminder this week.

Post Prom work is moving along smoothly. They will be in need of volunteers soon. Date is Sat., May 30th.

Food Service update: Closing in on 2 bids and will settle shortly

Lisa Weggeman has volunteered to coordinate the "Vote" signs. There was a brief discussion of whether to do robo- calls for getting out the vote as we had done in the past. There was unanimous approval and it was decided to have the President do the message as in the past. The treasurer confirmed we had monies set aside for this effort.

New Officers for next year...please be thinking about it!

The meeting adjourned at 11:30. The next meeting will be May 12, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauri Harder
Recording Secretary