

Minutes  
BHS Parents' Group Meeting  
November 12, 2009

Attendance: Rawson Groves Hobart, Cheryl Partee, Cindy Montgomery, Adrienne Leigh, Andrea Moore, Chris Holleran, Yvonne Wun, Kathleen Parker, Chip Smith, Maria Poon, Steve Hanson, Becky Showen, Theresa Webb, Karen Eastwood, Peggy McLaughlin, Dianne Willoughby, Maria Elena Zagorski, Debbie Williams, Andrea Cohn, Debby Hirabayashi

**1. Call to order 7:02 pm Cindy Montgomery “Welcome”**

Matt Biggar from District Office will speak at January meeting-  
Dave Pine, our SMUHSD School Board Liaison, is not available for meeting this evening

**2. Motion - Approve Minutes of October 14, 2009 meeting**

First- Becky Showen  
Second- Rawson Groves Hobart  
Minutes approved

**3. Principal's Report- Chris Holleran**

1. Lots of changes going on at district. None to directly affect the students.
2. Flu season-
  - Schools have tally sheets. Working with county. Flu is under control.
  - Few kids and teachers have flu now
  - Conference Room is our “Isolation Ward”
  - Seasonal Flu shots were available through district, not H1N1
3. Bell Schedule-
  - Choices will be narrowed down and voted on in next few months to take effect Fall 2010.
4. Math Guidelines-
  - District reviewing guidelines to match federal guidelines for math
  - Bar is raising every year with “No Child Left Behind” Every child should be proficient by 2014
5. Exit Exam-
  - We have mid 90% passing exit exam but District under state Program Improvement, or PI, plan because other District schools did not do as well on CAHSEE exit exam.
6. Still hoping to have AP Statistics offered during 2010-2011 school year

**4. Executive Board Reports**

**1. Presidents' Report - Cindy Montgomery**

- New Superintendent, Scott Laurence, is accelerating process of transfer and registration for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Trying to expedite the HS registration process. Only 1 in 8 actually get requested Intra-district transfer in our district.
- January 6-February 12 is registration period for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Matt Biggar will attend Jan 13 PG meeting to discuss his role as Asst. Superintendent of Instruction for the SMUHSD. Please prepare questions.

**2. Excellence Fund – Peggy McLaughlin**

- Total raised year to date, \$147,000 goal is \$175,000
- Our goal is to raise the percentage of parents donating, even a \$10 donation is appreciated.
- Solicitation letters requesting donations with return envelopes went out to all families who have not yet donated

- Bob Pietila is updating the “thermometer” sign in front of school and adding one by tennis courts

### 3. **Taste of the Town 2010- Cheryl Partee**

- Met with Fire Department at Burlingame Rec Center-All decorations must be fire retardant
- Fire Chief attended last year and noticed we needed more of their staff
- Need to have our own dumpster this year. Cannot use Red Dept’s.
- Difficult to organize class basket letters because last year’s binder is in Santa Monica with last year’s chair. Cheryl is working with chair on the phone.

### 4. **Treasurer’s Report- Rawson Groves Hobart**

- We have money and are spending money
- Thought Buzz Book was over budget, but actually came in \$1200 under with corrected invoices
- Merchant Service Fees are over budget due to a bounced check

### 5. **Fall Funding Update- Yvonne Wun**

- Grant Requests are made by teachers/staff to SAC in October. SAC makes recommendations that are taken to the PG Exec Board for further discussion and finalization.
- Yvonne listed all items that were paid for during the fall funding cycle. See attached.

## 5. **Committee Reports**

### 1. **Highlights Editors- Karen Eastwood & Theresa Webb**

- Highlights covers topics such as EXPLORE, Job Shadow, Community Service, Taste, Principal’s Message, President’s Message, upcoming events and monthly calendar
- Have been electronic 3 years with 25 hard copies available in the office.
- Theresa mentioned it is difficult to collect information from various committees who submit to HL
- Wondered if parents read it? Freshmen parents know about it?
- Andrea Moore suggested Highlights as a separate News Alert, will try with Dec issue
- Group consensus is to stop making hard copies for office. Agreed to have sign-in at office directing parents to the web site if for HL

### 2. **Career Center – Adrienne Leigh Schubiner for Jen Jory**

- Career Center will be meeting with Seniors to fill out Cal Grant awards and learn about financial aid websites and scholarships available
- Parents must sign release to receive Social Security number for Cal Grants
- Cal grant is great insurance if a parent loses a job
- Jan 13, 2010 is financial aid night at BHS for parents and students
- Students encouraged to come to Career Center and ask questions about financial aid
- Parents are welcome to make appt to discuss financial aid
- Extensive scholarship information is on BHS website under Career Center
- All AP students must fill out a test form and bring in an \$86 check per test before Jan. 22
- Financial Aid is available for AP test
- There is a form students may fill out to be reimbursed if they qualify for aid
- 40 students will go on field trip to Franklin Templeton on Nov. 19
- Franklin business center manager will meet with students to brief them on opportunities at Franklin on day before trip
- Sophomore PE classes to begin self-defense on November 20
- Access classes go to AT&T for field trip November 23
- Narcotics Anonymous comes November 24 and speaks to health classes

- Senior AP English students will hear speaker from Silicon Valley Community for Justice on Genocide on November 24
- Access Classes have speaker on Nov. 24 on overcoming obstacles to college and career

**3. Drama Boosters- Sandra Feder and Nancy Sturm**

- Fall Production “A Cry of Players” November 20, 21 & 22. November 19 preview
- 36 cast members, 20 technical and backstage helpers on crew
- Tickets range from \$5 seniors, \$8 students, \$10 adults

**4. Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon – Andrea Cohn**

- December 11 at Peninsula Tennis Club
- Have a huge volunteer sign up list
- Binder was incredibly organized
- Well within their budget

**5. Athletic Boosters- Chip Smith**

- Funded tournaments for boys and girls basketball that the district used to fund
- Bought Water Polo equipment
- Have 58% parent participation on Boosters
- Golf tournament had great weather, good auction and a great time
- Green Hills used to cost \$10,000 for tournament, risk of losing money so they moved it to Poplar Creek
- Golf tournament worked well with San Mateo High, made double over expenses
- Thanked Rawson and Parents’ Group for help with credit card machines

**6. Spirit Boosters- Becky Showen**

- Little Big Game on November 14 to be played at San Mateo, playing for Ocean Division Championship in CCS and home team advantage

**6. Announcements/Miscellaneous**

- Homecoming dance Saturday November 14 at Westin Hotel, tickets on sale after school and no tickets sold at door
- Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Leigh Schubiner,  
Recording Secretary

**PG meeting dates for 2009-10 -Wednesdays 7pm in library**

December – no meeting  
 Wednesday January 13  
 Wednesday February 10  
 Wednesday March 10  
 Wednesday April 14  
 Wednesday May 12