

Minutes
BHS Parents' Group Meeting
January 13, 2010

Attendance: Chip Smith, Diana Ferris, Nancy Sturm, Jen Jory, Silvano Colomano, Selina Lim, Kathleen Parker, Carolyn Masline, Andrea Moore, Jan Nickoley, Renee Mark, Linda Spira, Cindy Montgomery, Christi Johnson, , Heather Sinclair, Matt Biggar, Brent Daniels, Peggy McLaughlin, Cheryl Partee, Rawson Groves Hobart, , Teri LaMariana, Sandra Feder

1. **Call to Order:** 7:08 pm. Cindy Montgomery “Welcome”
2. **Motions:** Approve minutes from November 12, 2009
 - First: Linda Spira
 - Second: Rawson Groves Hobart
 - Approved
3. **Principal's Report:** Brent Daniels for Chris Holleran
 - Spring Semester opened smoothly
 - Suzanne Woolfolk promoted to Assistant Principal of Instruction at SMHS
 - Ron Campana from Capuchino High to be new assistant principal at BHS
 - Will start 1/19/10
 - CAHSEE exam given to sophomores 2/2 & 2/3
 - English on 2/2
 - Math 2/3
 - CAHSEE must be passed to receive diploma
 - CAHSEE used by Federal government to assess performance by school districts
 - AP European History to be introduced for next school year
Will replace AS History for sophomores
Same textbook will be used as current AS History
 - Counselors begin meeting with students in February to go over course selection next fall
4. **Assistant Superintendent's Report:** Matt Biggar
 - Curriculum and Instruction Presentation and Q & A
 - Passed out report (Included) “Post Secondary Readiness” November 12, 2009
 - Report is broad context, district wide stats, mostly student performance and data
 - Highlighted points:
 - CAHSEE passing rate 97.6%, Federal Government to increase standards
 - AP Courses: Numbers enrolled and scores on AP tests have seen increase
 - Comprehensive College Readiness will be focus of superintendents' office
 - Academic Core: District working to improve the 2/3 success, not good enough
 - Equity in Advanced Class another area they are trying to improve
Gap remains large in cross section of various underrepresented groups
 - Algebra 1-2 is lowest math offered at BHS. Low success rate is state wide issue
District implemented Algebra Coordinator to bring consistency of teaching countywide
 - SMUHSD Leap Addendum- District PI Plan (see enclosed)
District Addressing needs of 3 groups that need additional help
Socio-Economically Disadvantaged, English as 2nd Language, Special Education
District will pre-teach and re-teach to underachieving students in 3 classes only

- 9th Grade English, 10th Grade English, Algebra
- Final Thoughts on PI, District to coordinate coherence and continually raise and improve standards. Federal Government continues to require program improvement
 - Fed Gov't continues to "Raise the Bar".
- Question & Answers:
 - Q. What are BHS AP's for next year?
 - A: All AP's remain same with additional classes in AP European History and AP Statistics. AP European History will replace sophomores' AS History. Must have taken AS History and earned B or better. District website to list all schools' AP's.
 - Q. Are other schools paying for their own additional AP's?
 - A. Yes, San Mateo and Aragon through their foundation. They are also paying for additional electives.
 - Q. We are having a problem of teachers returning English papers.
 - A. Brent Daniels answers: In process of hiring "reader" to expedite correction of papers. Actually had meeting today! Administration recognizes this problem, hence the above solution. Suggests parent contact teacher over specifics for your child.
 - Q. Naviance, can we get it?
 - A. District meeting scheduled for Monday. Will look into it district wide, \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually. San Mateo pays for their own through their foundation. Outlook is positive. Concerns: Lots of training required to manage, both technical support and transition period for parents.
 - Q. Are there programs in place for improving student environment? ie. Drug use, alcohol use, etc.?
 - A. Yes, counselors work to intervene if problems noted in specific kids.

5. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Cindy Montgomery
 - Thanked chairs of staff for Holiday Luncheon
 - Andrea Cohn, Cindy Thompson, Robin Alioto
 - Thanked other numerous volunteers
- b. Excellence Fund: Peggy McLaughlin
 - Excellence Fund currently at \$190,000. 30% more than last year at this time
 - 19% of families represented in above numbers
 - Goal is 100% participation at any level that is comfortable
 - New Thermometer signs in place at front and back of school. Donated by parent Bob Pietila.
 - Peggy asked, "What do we want to fund?"
 - Answers by parents include Naviance, drug prevention program improvement
 - Peggy also asked for ways to spread specific info to encourage participation
- c. Taste of the Town 2010: Cheryl Partee
 - Business Underwriting is same as last year
 - Parent Underwriting is down
 - Announcement: Taste invitation stuffing at her house Friday, 10-2. Asked for volunteers. Goal to mail by 5pm.
 - Asked treasurer to decrease projected income due to:
 - Elimination of VIP Wine Tasting, \$15000 & Alumni Party, \$1500
- d. Treasurer Report: Rawson Groves Hobart (see enclosed report)

- Taxes have been filed
 - Excellence Fund up over last year
 - Error on budget – see attached
 - \$300 teacher stipends to go out now, checks made out at meeting
 - There is cash in the bank
- e. Parent Education: Jan Nickoley
- 1/27 next parent ed meeting on Teen Substance Abuse by Dave Perna
 - Same as last year on drugs and alcohol
- f. Parliamentarian: Kathleen Parker
- Forming Nominating committee for next year's board and committee chairs
 - Will have slate in next few months
 - Will send out news alerts for interested parents to volunteer for positions

6. Committee Reports

- a. Career Center: Jen Jory
- Center very busy with seniors researching scholarships
 - January 19 freshman take career assessment test
 - Financial Aid forms due 3/2 for seniors
 - AP Test Registration due 1/22
- b. Drama Boosters: Sandra Feder
- Successful production in fall, “A Cry of Players”
 - Upcoming spring musical, “She Loves Me”
 - Asks for ways to increase attendance
 - Encourages all to come and support
 - Some English classes gave extra credit to students for attendance
- c. Athletic Boosters: Chip Smith
- Golf Tournament successful. \$5000 to be split between 2 schools.
 - Decrease in Athletic Booster participation. Only 1/3 of those in winter sports
 - Athletic Boosters will donate to “Taste” auction: Tailgate Package, BBQ and booster items

7. Announcements

- Heather Sinclair: seeking volunteers for Coat Check at Winter formal and prom

8. Meeting adjourned 8:38pm by Cindy Montgomery

Future Parent Group Meetings

Wed, February 10, Wed, March 10, Wed, April 14, Wed, May 12

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrienne Leigh Schubiner
Recording Secretary

With Notes Provided by Renee Mark, parent volunteer