

PTC – (Parent Teacher Club)

Meeting: February 4, 2016

Minutes

Present: Yvonne Gramling, Wendy Linebaugh, Alexandra Manzo, Dorothy Stevens – (Parents); Jim Fritch, Doug Hughey, Stephen Osborne, Valentine Ionut Plapamaru, Matthew Schneider – (Staff)

We met earlier at 3:15 – (Basketball team had an away game, and needed to be on the road by 4 pm), and started off the meeting with a limited focus:

- 1.) Solar City Presentation – (Sponsored by Alexandra Manzo)
- 2.) Recruitment – Flyers for Open Enrollment Night
- 3.) Spring Semester Activity: Basketball Home Game
- 4.) Open Enrollment Night: Promotions – Thursday (2/25)
- 5.) WASC Update

Details of the Agenda

1. Community outreach master Alexandra Manzo invited Solar City to give a presentation about what they do, and how our community can invest in the environment while saving money each month and potentially benefitting the school. *Go Green!*

2. Mr. Hughey discussed the idea of using students and parent volunteers to distribute flyers in a designated area, calling the plan “The Flyer Flood Plan” – Dorothy Stevens will be leading a group on the weekend of February 6, in the vicinity of Spinelli Elementary School. Maps are available in the office. Plans for a visit to the area of Foothills High School are scheduled for later in the month, with Yvonne Gramling offering to lead the effort – ***we are definitely looking for volunteers: student volunteers will receive extra credit in a class of their choice for their participation.***

3. Sports Program: Look forward to the end of a busy season in February! The first home game is scheduled for Monday, February 8 at 6:30, against Leroy Greene Academy, which, although on a school holiday, should still be a great event. Admission to the game is complimentary – *(Free!)* Hope to see you there, in your best red-and-black! *Go Bulldogs!*

Snack Bar concessions, tentatively featuring pizza, will be coordinated by Traci Doyle and Yvonne Gramling, who are also helping with Senior Recognition, along with Mr. Fritch.

4. Open Enrollment nights are scheduled for Thursday, February 25 and Thursday, April 21. Recruitment remains a vital topic for PTC. We need additional help with outreach and recruitment – enrollment remains an issue for the school and we are asking members of our community to help spread the word in *your* community! Churches and shops are great places and resources to promote the school; we have flyers in the office – (in English and

Spanish) – and are currently developing informational posters for display in your local coffee shops, grocers, and community businesses.

Shops that have been successful include local Safeway stores and Winco locations. Churches that would represent great recruitment opportunities include St. Lawrence, Trinity, and Liberty Towers. If you are a member of these congregations, (or know someone who is), please let us know – we would like to visit and explain what we do. Outreach is also desired among local schools like Creative Connections, Eastside Prep, Foothill Ranch, and Futures. We are trying to establish a waiting list of prospective students for the 2016-2017 schoolyear, with an eye on expanding the junior high program, restoring its original design serving grades 6-8, with a staff of three designated middle school teachers.

5. Some great news back from the WASC Visiting Committee – we earned a 6-year review, which clears the school through 2022 with a recognized accreditation, with a 3-year check-in/review. This is the maximum term available and we are very pleased to have earned it. We couldn't have done it without you!

A special word of gratitude to Katie Gorobets and her family for arranging a professional camera crew coming to campus, filming the Global Experience, and creating a promotional video. Thank you, David & Katie!

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 4:00 pm.

See you then.

Your friend,

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