

PTC – (Parent Teacher Club)

Meeting: March 10, 2016

Minutes

Present: Yvonne Gramling, Wendy Linebaugh, Derrick Osborne, Dorothy Stevens – (Parents); Kevin Dobson, Jim Fritch, Stephen Osborne, Valentine Ionut Plapamaru, Matthew Schneider – (Staff)

We met at 4 pm, and started off the meeting with a limited focus:

1. Senior Portraits – (with Mr. Fritch) - Wednesday: (3/16)
2. Open Enrollment Night - April 21 – (Thursday)
3. Recruitment - Community Outreach
4. Fundraising: Incentive: Schoolwide Trip to Six Flags: Friday (4/29)
5. Prom/ Formal Dance – Off-site vs. School-sponsored event

Our Spring Break is scheduled to take place during the week of March 21 – March 25, with an additional holiday on Monday, March 28. The 3rd Quarter ends on Friday, March 18, with grades being sent home the week we return from Spring Break.

Regular classes and the 4th quarter resume on Tuesday, March 29.

Details of the Agenda

1. Mr. Fritch has organized Senior Portraits next week on Wednesday, March 16 – he has formal clothes to create a uniformity of the portraits. Pictures will be made available for families and students, free of charge - (prints will need to be produced/printed by the family and/or student.) Makeups are scheduled for Thursday, March 17.

Mr. Fritch is also offering early pre-sales on yearbooks at the limited order price of \$25 during the week of March 14-18. Yearbooks will need to be ordered and paid for before April 8. Why not take advantage of this great price, and order now!

2. Our major Open Enrollment event is scheduled for Thursday, April 21. We will need students and parent volunteers to distribute flyers in designated areas preceding the event. Word-of-mouth remains our most effective recruitment tactic. Please let members of your community know about Global Youth – the Open Enrollment night is a wonderful opportunity to see the school, meet with teachers and staff, and join the Global community.

3. 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! Thank-you to Dorothy Stevens & Yvonne Gramling for their leadership in distributing flyers in local neighborhoods, including the Foothill High School area, with a possible windfall, due to the probable closure of Foothill East.

Dorothy Stevens mentioned some of the rumors about school closure due to low attendance – we remain open and we are planning out classes for the next school year. We have a safe environment, with small class sizes, and a tight-knit community. We are promoting our role in the community as an alternate educational opportunity, with innovative learning methods, project-based learning, and rigorous standards of achievement. We are advertising in upcoming editions of the *Antelope News & North Highland News*. Our current focus is on targeting students for next year in the grades 7-10. Please help spread the word about our school. 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.

4. Fundraising: We had tremendous success with the Spring chocolate fundraiser, with 75 boxes sold, and a scheduled school-wide incentive trip to Six Flags, on Friday, April 29. Ms. Jessica will be leading the organization of field trip, so look forward to more updates. (Thanks to the office, Ms. Yvonne, and everyone who participated in the sales for making it such a great success!)

5. Prom/ Formal Dance – Finally, we discussed the options and advantages regarding t a Prom/ Formal Dance to be held off-site as a non-school-sponsored event, or hosting it on campus as a School-sponsored event. Requirements include a date during the first or second week of April – (On-campus was suggested for Friday, April 8; off-campus was possibly discussed for Saturday, April 16); in addition, no guests 20 years or older can be permitted to attend, if the event is school-sponsored.

Although a contingent of the community has expressed interest in an off-site event, there was no representation at the meeting, with a consensus that there should be a single, unified event to be held in the cafeteria or the Ken Thomas Gym. We emphasized the importance of presale tickets and committed guests. (Any guests attending the event from off-campus will need to register with the office.)

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Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday, March 31, beginning at 4:00 pm.

See you then.

Your friend,

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