

Service High School PTSA Minutes

12 November 2013

The general membership meeting was brought to order @ 1803 with introductions.

In attendance:

Dan Garcia, President	Pat Higgins, School Board Member
Kim Garcia, Secretary	Marjorie Burr, Teacher
Deanna McCreary, Cougar Cache Mgr	Charissa Chmielewski, Teacher
Laurie Northey, Membership Chair	Bill Mans, Teacher
John Gaskins, Principal	Bright Nygard, Parent
Greg Mamikunian, Student Body President	Nenita Villegas, Parent
Adrianna McCreary, Student	Neulysis Villegas, Student
Edra Morledge, Sen. Meyer's office	Mark Staples, Parent

Minutes

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read with some discussion. Laurie asked about the Cougar Cache Operating Supplies, need to look into. Also, Bright asked what the difference is between Teacher Appreciation and Teacher Enrichment. Since Amy wasn't here, Kim suggested we wait until she's here to answer the questions.

Principal's Report

- C hall construction on track to be finished by Spring Break
- Library is due to start by Spring Break will move into two C hall rooms; Ellen will email teachers to find out what sets of books they'll possibly need during the construction to prepare; extras boxed up and put in storage; portable stacks moved to classrooms.
- Music hall is due to start at end of school year; John will have to find where to put choir room – possibly PCA/CNA room.
- Turf and bleachers ETC by summer; no games will be scheduled until we know for sure if they'll be ready to go.
- \$49m will need to be cut in the next few years with \$25m this coming year;

John will be meeting with CFO next week to discuss where cuts could be made; each school will be audited to help find ways to save money; possibly go to one lunch

- Cache will have to move but unsure where or when - possibly D130 or D131; John suggested a mobile cache but only with no food, we vetoed.

Teacher Report

- Frank had a prior engagement and couldn't attend tonight.

Student Report

- Various projects going on with each class
- 13 Dec, Winter Frost in Café; student DJs will be used; prescreening the music

Cougar Cache Report

- New shirts are in;
- \$5000 (approx.) per month in sales;
- Planners will only be for 9th graders next year;
- Bright asked how the thieving is going, volunteers are keeping the numbers in the Cache to a small maximum; they'll stop students from going in if too many;
- John mentioned the school vending machines have gone from over \$100,000 per year to approximately \$20,000 going to activities fund

Old Business

- *Buffalo soldiers* - haven't heard anything from Brandon
- *Vests* - ordered but didn't discuss
- *Parking Permits* - didn't discuss
- *Laptop* - purchased

New Business

- *Box Tops* - Laurie asked about Box Tops; are we still collecting? Meghan Lochner would be the contact
- *Budget Cuts* - Pat Higgins from the school board came to talk about the budget cuts; trying to educate the public; ASD broken up into 7 sections for each board member

Fund requests

- *Partner's Club camera* - Adam Ahonen and Kim Conlon requested a camera to use for Partner's Club; Laurie motioned to accept, Bright seconded, all were in favor.
- *EasyBib* - Ellen Scott requested \$508 for a year's subscription for a bibliography program for the library. Deanna mentioned she has the same program at home for free. Discussion came up as to why it costs \$500 for something an individual gets for free. Kim motioned to accept, no one seconded; tabled for more information
- *Pugmill* - Bill presented the proposal for \$5889.20 for a Pugmill machine that will recycle clay for pottery use reducing the amount of clay purchased each year; machine could possibly last 20+ years; innumerable students benefiting. Bright asked about warranty. Bill said the manufacturer isn't very supportive of a Pugmill in schools; discussion was about possibly having to close the Cougar Cache during construction resulting in lost funds also the fact the fund requests keep coming and they're getting higher and higher; another was if the budget cuts will cut art - both John and Pat said that would be drastic and with the current graduation requirements it won't happen. Deanna made a motion to pay half if Service could pay the other half, which John agreed to, Laurie seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- *Ping Pong tables* - Charissa and Marjorie presented their fund request for 10 Ping-Pong tables for \$4511. Students always asking to play Ping-Pong; tables can be locked away and safe; Bright asked about the request from last month that was tabled to find out about the PE tables which were trashed; 684 students, 1300 per year, 13,000 students benefitted over 10 years; Laurie made the motion to accept the request for \$3000 if Service will cover remainder; John agreed, Bright seconded, all were in favor
- *Choir dresses* - Lesli Olson requested \$1504.20 for 20 custom made dresses; discussion about how many students would be benefitted; if all dresses are custom made, only 20 would benefit; not approved

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1910 (7:10 pm)
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 10 December @ 1800 (6:00 p.m.)