

P.T.S.A. Meeting

September 13, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:30

Vice President, Pat Burton conducted the meeting.

Parents introduced themselves. Discussed vacant positions on the P.T.S.A.; President and Membership Coordinator. Currently positions filled are: Vice President, Pat Burton, Treasurer, Pat McGovern, Secretary, and Annette Bedrosian

Discussion followed about the responsibilities of the President. Anyone interested should be aware that the position does not have a great deal of responsibility. The primary responsibility is to attend monthly meetings and to develop the agenda for the meeting. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from 6:30-7:30 in the library conference room. Meetings are informal and there are no fundraisers or activities that have to be coordinated. A very good way to obtain information about what is going on in the school.

Parents present stated they would assist with the membership table on the night of Open House which is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 25 at 6:45**. Program will begin in the auditorium. A membership table will be set up outside of the auditorium to encourage parents to join. Dues will be \$5 for parents, \$3.75 for students. Students are encouraged to join and attend.

Refreshments for open house were discussed. A suggestion was made that a class or club might want to have a bake sale that evening. Annette Bedrosian will follow up to see if the senior class might want to do this. Mr. Mullen asked that he is contacted as soon as possible regarding their decision.

There was also a discussion about materials for the open house. Annette Bedrosian agreed to contact former President, Wendy Giorgio, to see if she has any P.T.S.A. materials from last year. She will follow up with the Vice President once contact has been made.

There was also discussion regarding posting the minutes on the school web site. Scott Goodinson agreed to post this information. Annette will forward the minutes to him which he will post on the web in addition to some basic information about P.T.S.A.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Mullen provided dates for upcoming events in the school.

September 19: School Improvement Team, S.I.T., meeting where Graduation by Proficiency will be discussed.

September 21: Pilgrim Blood Drive; 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at the school. Pilgrim finished first in the division, again last year.

September 24-28; Spirit Week

September 25; Open House 6:45 p.m. in the Auditorium

September 28; Pep Rally

September 29; Homecoming Dance

October 1; Interim Reports for all grades

October 2-4; NECAP testing for the 11th grade; reading, writing, and math.

October 17; P.S.A.T. for the sophomores and juniors in school. There will be no charge and all students must take them. The schedule that day will be altered for other students.

Graduation by Proficiency

Marilyn Massey attended the meetings and answered parents questions and concerns about graduation by proficiency, particularly senior project.

Mrs. Massey guided parents through the process and offered a detailed explanation about this initiative. Mrs. Massey and Mr. Mullen both stated that this is a learning process and that changes have been made as they have learned more from other schools and districts. Mrs. Massey has spent the last few weeks, getting the seniors up to date and to remind them of the deadlines. Mrs. Massey demonstrated for parents how to log onto the District's web site and access all the material necessary for this project. Mr. Mullen stated that they are not looking to fail any senior who makes a serious attempt at this project. He emphasized that seniors must make an effort. Parents and students will be contacted if deadlines are missed.

Parents were encouraged to support their children during this project and to contact the school if there are any questions.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 11th 6:30-7:30
Library Conference Room

Everyone is encouraged to attend