

P.A.S.T. BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Diane Czerniak, Susie Mallard, Dr. Susan Caffery, Diana Dunn, Nancy Menees, Steve Turk, Mary Bowen, Debby Coday, Jeanette Peirce, Michelle Rieger, Sophie Bender, Nel Sagehorn, Barb Cicchillo, Hanbo Wang, Michelle Behseresht, Rob Menees, Jeanette Jones, Alka Mittal, Jennifer Frangos

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Diane Czerniak, PAST President.

Minutes from March 8, 2011 Board meeting reviewed. Michelle Rieger made a motion to approve Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Nancy Menees. All voted in favor to accept Minutes as presented and motion was approved. Secretary will send approved minutes to Communications to be added to AST website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Diane Czerniak

- See attached agenda
- Diane Czerniak and Dr. Caffery attended the CISD meeting. Dr. Stockton reported that CISD is one of five districts in TX in the running for the HEB \$25,000 grant. CISD is 99th school district in the U.S. in re: size. It is the 18th largest school district in TX.
- The TX budget deficit news: Dr. Stockton is expecting about \$50-60 million in cuts, but hoping for about \$30 million. CISD is looking toward attrition, less at job/personnel cuts. He feels \$23 million in cuts would seem nearly painless. CISD is expecting \$11 million in Federal money for the additional students entering the district this summer. Possibly will receive budget cut news by June. Some cost savings will include, but are not limited to: reduce summer school, eliminate the Drug Counselor, decrease utility costs by reducing use of energy in school buildings, ie. Wednesday might become a "dead night", decrease some transportation costs by eliminating some bus stops, cut some extra- curricular activities. The CISD website has a place for budget comments.
- Diane presented the latest edition of PAST Bylaws. She made a motion to accept the Bylaws as edited and amended. All voted in favor of accepting the Bylaws as presented. Motion approved. New Bylaws will be presented to the General Membership for final approval at the Annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susie Mallard

- See attached financial reports from March 2011
- Total income for March 2011 was \$399.88. Expenses for Scholarship - \$285.00 including August pool party, \$6687.00 for grants to AST to fulfill AST teacher's wish list of equipment and supplies.
- Nancy Menees made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Michelle Behseresht seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT: Dr. Caffery

- See attached report for upcoming events.
- Thank you for all the equipment and supplies for AST. All is ordered except for shelving.
- Thanks to Friends of the Academy for all their work to put together tours and lectures for the students. Many students have attended or participated in many new and exciting opportunities.
- Science Fair proved a very successful day for AST. Our students not only achieved many prizes, they behaved in very respectful, courteous, attentive ways throughout many long hours.

Vice-President: Diana Dunn

- About a dozen parents met at La Trattoria restaurant for a parent social.
- Next meeting will be at Café Express for parent luncheon on Wednesday, May 4.
- Jeanette Jones has found two friends who are interested in becoming the class reps for Class of 2015. Diana has already contacted them and continues to look for a third person to represent this class.
- Thanks to Joe Cicchillo (Barb's husband), for donating 12 CAD software packages for Computer Science independent learning and studying.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING: Mary Bowen

- No new report

ACADEMICS: Steve Turk

- No news

FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY: Ralph DiGuilio was not present

COMMUNICATIONS: Hanbo Wang

- Will post PAST meeting minutes and latest edition of Bylaws in change tracking format on PAST website.

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Debbie Coday

- Alka Mittal will bring Subway lunch in Friday.

SCHOLARSHIP: Nancy Menees

- Senior awards are being processed. Awards will be presented via cashier's checks, enclosed in letter of congratulations from PAST and will be delivered to program committee – Barb Cicchillo by April 26th.

Hospitality: Sophie Bender and Nell Sagehorn

- Senior day is March 25.

Nominating : Steve Umbach not present

- Diane Czerniak reported that the Nominating Committee is shifting and finalizing positions and names to create a full slate. They will be ready for voting on slate at May General meeting.

New Business:

- PTA report: Sumana Rajagopalan was not present and Diane Czerniak will forward report to Board. Report highlights include: Discussion by Mr. Murrell of budget changes to include minimal reduction of teachers on campus, in order to maintain 22:1 (student:teacher) ratio. The Shattered Lives program was dramatic and draining for teachers and students involved. As it is held on our CP campus once every three years, there will be an interim, less elaborate program presented which will

promote greater safety awareness during driving, including consequences of distractions from drinking and texting. Incoming freshman will take end of course STARR tests. They will have to meet 1000 points for each of four core subjects, finishing in their Junior year. This will replace TAKS tests and is expected to be a bit harder. Example tests will be released by March 2012 for students who will take the test in May 2012. Other states like NY are already taking this test. The teacher appreciation luncheon was a great success. Beautification of the driveway entrance by volunteers is continuing. A sprinkler system will also be installed.

- Senior Banquet planning report was presented by Barb Cicchillo. She reports she is working with a great team. #1 goal is to stay under budget and the committee is accepting many donations. The CP Jazz Band will perform and entertain us for free. There will be early check in to facilitate group photos. The slide show is almost finished. Marriott will allow us to enter for preparations by 1-2:00, and have comped us a room for storage of materials and supplies. They have lowered the guaranteed number of meals to 230. The PAST Board is invited as paying guests.
- May General Meeting will include a recap of the 2011 PAST Board activities.
- Please write PAST Board member notebooks, including latest updates to your positions. Please do this asap and send brief summaries to Diane, including key committee actions.

Next PAST meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6 pm at CP library. Last meeting of the year : May 25 is the General meeting.

- Diana made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Menees seconded the motion. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted,

Jennifer Frangos, PAST Secretary