

Samohi PTSA Minutes
November 16, 2006

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by President Judith Meister.

President's report/announcements:

There will be no more meetings held in the staff cafeteria due to scheduling conflict...may begin to schedule meetings in the library.

The minutes were distributed and approved...moved by Melissa Dinolfo, seconded and approved.

Recognition of Louise Jaffe winning her seat on the SMC Board was noted. Thanks and acknowledgement also to Laurie Yehia for her successful and hardworking efforts in the campaign for passage of Measure BB.

Sacramento Safari is March 20-22nd. Delegates need to be identified, as well as students. The deadline for registration is Dec. 13th. Shawn Berry will go if there are no other interested members.

Committee Reports- Kim_____:

Beautification: There have been some difficulties regarding water issues between the school and the District, but it is being addressed. The possibility of grants for the Barnum area and the Counseling Bldg. area is being pursued. The Administration Bldg. area has been completed and looks great! The District is to be refinishing the benches this week, and the City is investigating a District wide anti-skateboarding mechanism. As far as the Mural...there is no information at this time, the process has been delayed.

Mini- Grants – Deb Love: About 7 or 8 have been received thus far, a report will follow at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Direct Donation thus far total \$99,895.00 which is 2/3's of the way to the stated goal. Discussion followed regarding ways to promote more donations via mailings, Viking voice announcements, alumni mailings etc.

Stephen Sacks brought up the PTSA ID card for parents and guardians in response to complaints that some parents have been having difficult coming on campus without an appointment due to security reasons. Discussion followed and it was decided that the first step should be determining what the actual policy, if any, is and is there a District policy.

Stephen also brought up concerns over the nutritional value of the food and drinks sold in the vending machines on campus. The impact of the recent law passed regarding vending machines in schools will be researched and discussed again.

A proposal for an AP tutoring program was also brought up again. This would be for students currently in AP classes but having difficulty. Although there does seem to be a need for this, it is difficult to determine if this type of program would be appropriate for PTSA to sponsoring, or if it should be under the control of the school. To be further discussed.

The Energy Fair in February was briefly mentioned, more details will follow as it gets closer. Also the possibility of Monica Piper, a Samohi parent and comic, presenting a program on “managing all” at a future PTSA meeting was discussed.

Irma Costanza reported on a recent shooting at 11th and Michigan this past Sunday afternoon. She requested that we all be aware and help out in arranging rides for Latino students after school, as the shooting appears to have been racially targeted.

A Site Governance report was given. Their work is focusing on a Single Plan for Student Achievement, and attempting to make it very specific. It will be presented to the School Board in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 to meet in the Houses with each principal. Prior to this Dr. Hugo Pedroza, Principal of Samohi gave a brief report. His main points were thanking the community for passage of Measure BB, the exit exam for high school, the single plan for student achievement, the announcement that Samohi is eligible to be a California Distinguished School, the effort to maintain a safe school environment, and the effort to take the school to the “next level”.

Respectfully submitted,

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