

PRIDE/PTSA General Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2012

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 AM

Welcome by Polly, Bonnie, Jill and Jeff.

PTSA

Book Fair – Thank you to Lisa and Cathy; fulfilling teachers' book requests was a great success.

Reflections – Sharon Esebag and Jana Montgomery are our new chairs and are working with Mr. Shibata. The theme this year is “The Magic of a Moment” and entries are due Nov. 17th. Last year we had 56 entries, with 8 entries per category and many entries receiving district wide and state honors. This year should enjoy continued success.

Community Service – 1st Garden Clean-up/OLE was run by Ms. Robinson and approx. 50 kids participated and earned community service hours. Parents are welcome to join their students.

SOS – Donations fell short due to timing issues, but PTSA will subsidize with necessary basics for each classroom. A parent informed us that Staples has a summer sale each year (“buy 1 get one free”) and items can be purchased and then donated once school begins.

Roads to Your Future – Shampa Kahn is coordinating the lunchtime speakers which will be held once a month. Student may earn extra credit points in one of their core subjects areas each month as part of the program. Justice Art Gilbert is speaking on Sept. 19th in Town Hall. Suggestion made to reach out to community members to encourage participation at their local middle school.

Health & Safety – First and foremost the Parents must be a good role model for your children, and follow the traffic rules! Mike Friedman is working with Peter Hastings on our global traffic concerns. Additional traffic due to enrollment being up, and less bus transportation available. A carpool roster is available for anyone interested.

Prop 30 & 38 – Vote “yes” on Prop 30 and 38. Status of education information is available at “Educate Our State” and “Families That Can” websites. Encourage everyone to vote “yes” on both; we need 50% of the votes to pass.

PRIDE

Introduction of our Assistant Principals by Jill Taylor. Brett Shibata, Academic Planning and Counseling; Peter Hastings, Attendance and Transportation; and Justin Koretz, Student Services and Discipline.

APs discussed two recent incidents involving current and former Revere students. The first, an accident in Gorman that involved a 7th grade Revere student that lost a parent and younger sibling. The family is reaching out to the community for help, and a trust fund has been opened at Wells Fargo Bank by PRIDE to assist the family. Donations can be dropped off in the main office.

The second, a former student attending Hamilton High who took her own life. All Revere counselors were on hand to assist students (at Revere, Pali High and Hamilton High) who were informed of the tragedy via Facebook and text messages while at school.

Charter Council – Meetings which include Revere faculty, parents and teachers are held once a month and are open to the public. Announcement of the winners of the latest election will be posted on the website.

Fundraising – Our Annual Giving chairs (Robin Weitz and Cindy Freedland) have set their goal for this year at \$250,000. Important to remember that PRIDE contributes to everything that takes place on campus.

Spring Auction being chaired by Juliann Kravitz, and will be held on March 16, 2013.

Revere Gear is available for purchase online.

Communication – Sign up for “Get Connected” to receive all school information via emails. Only 50% of Revere families are signed up; but everyone must open and read the emails to be informed. Working on improving website and improving all communications.