

PRIDE/PTSA General Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2012

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 AM

Welcome and thank you by Jill.

Ms. Somoza presented a slide show that Dr. Deasy asked to be shown to parents regarding the issues that public schools are facing. Mr. Felipe Perez, a principal leader, was also present. The emphasis was on Prop. 30 & 38, and how the voting results will affect us immediately in Dec. The Proposition that receives the most votes wins. If Prop 30 doesn't pass, we are looking at 15 less instructional days, and if Prop 30 passes, we will be looking at 2-5 additional instructional days.

The 8th graders will be holding their own election on Mon., Nov. 5th, to help demonstrate the importance of voting.

Ms. Somoza is very proud to announce that Revere's API Score is 897 (out of 1,000) this year. Math scores went up 100% across the board! We have our teachers, administrators and students to thank for this amazing score.

This is Ms. Somoza's 5th year and she believes that Revere is a great place to learn as a teacher and/or administrator. Revere is a school of 2,114 students with a small administration, and we should be proud of how well it's run.

PRIDE

Congratulations to Revere families (current and alumni) and the entire community for donating \$5,200 to the Gray Family Memorial Trust. The funds will go towards the family's burial and medical expenses.

Treasurer (Cindy) – We've spent \$130,000. Some of our big items have included copiers, 3 employees, music coaches, computers and the farm. Our fundraising goal is \$300,000; PRIDE funds what LAUSD doesn't. Music Dept. is raising its own funds to repair instruments, etc.

Outreach (Beth) – 6th Grade Field Day is taking place on Sun., Oct. 21st from Noon – 3:00 PM. Our goal is to create a sense of community; we have received 250 RSVP's thus far. The PE coaches will be on hand to play games with the kids, and food trucks will be there to provide food and drinks.

Fundraising (Meryl) – Annual Giving is our largest fundraiser and only 88 out of 900+ families have given thus far. The suggested amount is \$650/family, but any amount is welcome and appreciated. AG forms were sent home with students last week. Currently 11 teachers are working at a reduced salary and PRIDE is offering these teachers other opportunities to make extra money, but we need everyone's help. The 2nd largest fundraiser is the Auction, and approx. 150 people attend each year. We need more people to attend! Please shop the online auction in Feb. and help us reach our goal.

Reminder to buy Scrip from Meredith and earn money for Revere. Sweet Crush in Brentwood is extending their donation to give Revere 20% of sales. Starting Oct. 30th, The Yogurt Shoppe is donating a % of sales for 2 weeks. Recommendation to “simplify” donation explanations and the need for better communication as to where the money actually goes was noted.

Lisa Robbins, recently elected to the Parent Charter introduced herself and asked for parent volunteers to help with the Eco-Recycling Program; further information to come in an Eblast.

PTSA

Spark Fun – Vendor specializing in bringing Science, Math and Technology into schools will be at Revere on Oct. 17th & 18th. Great hands on learning experience, that is engaging and innovative. See flyer on website for more details.

Red Ribbon Week – Say “NO” to Drugs & Alcohol. Creative Expressions contest from Oct. 15th – 25th, t-shirts provided by AbovethetheInfluence.com will go to the winners. Door decorating contest will incorporate a Halloween “Scare Away Drugs” theme. Mon. (10/29) is crazy socks day; Tues. (10/30) wear red and receive a Red Vine during nutrition; and Wed. (10/31) earn anti-drug bracelets by correctly answering questions. UCLA Outreach to present drug & alcohol awareness program to parents on 10/24.