

PRIDE/PTSA General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2013

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 AM

Teacher Introductions –

Ms. Banner is one of our great 7th grade Science teachers, she also teaches the Robotics elective, and is on the Charter Council. “Parents with any technology knowledge are needed.”

Ms. Robertson is our great Agriculture/Horticulture teacher, whose curriculum is linked to English, History and Geography. Her classes are responsible for Garden Work Days, Mother’s Day corsages, etc. “PRIDE/PTSA impacts your students in class directly, so please get involved.”

Ms. Walker is one of our great PE teachers, and also runs Student Council. “We are so lucky to be supported by PRIDE/PTSA. Parents are needed to make a school better, so please get involved.”

Ms. Chen is another one of our great PE teachers, who is also in charge of the Eco Homeroom/Go Green Club. “Recycling is taking place in classrooms and on campus, but there is so much more we could be doing. Parent volunteers are needed to help implement new programs.” Ms. Chen also runs the annual Fun Run, which raises monies that are then donated to environmental charities chosen by the students. “It was Mr. Koretz’s idea, and thus far we’ve donated \$6,000.00.” The Fun Run takes place on Wed., March 20th, and we need parent volunteers to come on campus and cheer our kids on during their PE classes. The students collect pledges and sponsors and earn community service hours for participating.

Ms. Coe is in charge of our Acca Deca Club, and this year Revere is hosting 5 schools on May 22nd from 10 am – 2 pm. She is also in charge of Parent Volunteers, and there are so many ways for parents to get involved, including Monthly Parent Tours, assisting the Librarian, Pre-registration Days, the Book Fair.

Bottom Line - Teachers have great ideas, but they need support, both physically and financially. Your children are only here for 3 years, take advantage of “arm’s length” involvement opportunities in middle school. Encourage your friends to get involved in any way possible, whether you have a little bit of time or a lot time, we can find something that fits your availability.

Julianne Kravitz – Silent Auction/Parent Party Chair

Our Parent Party is on Sat., Mar. 16th, at Julianne’s home which is just around the corner from Revere. The online auction is through Bidding for Good and goes live this Fri., it will run for 3 weeks and close on Mar. 10th. Please attend the Parent Party, it is loads of fun, it’s a great way to meet other parents and also some our amazing teachers. The next auction committee meeting is on Fri., @ 8:15 am at Julianne’s house. We need parents bidding and we need them at the party, so please spread the word.

Fern Somosa – Principal

The School District approved a grant for closing the achievement gap. These funds will be available for more Professional Development and Boot Camp (improving students' test taking skills).

Revere was 1 of 6 middle schools out of 47 schools to be chosen by the District for the pilot program for common core standards curriculum using iPads/tablets. Before the program can be “rolled out”, security, maintenance, and storage programs must be developed.

PTSA

Polly Bameburger - President

We had 100 entries in Reflections this year, 3 of which are going to State. Thank you to the great support from the English Dept., Revere was the most rewarded school in the District. All participants will receive a t-shirt.

Music Scholarships are available for \$200.00.

The Book Fair will run from Mar. 18th through Mar. 22nd. Set up will take place on Mar. 15th, and volunteers are needed.

School Board Election takes place on Mar. 6th, please read the information out there and vote for the candidate that best supports your family.

PRIDE

Treasurer (Cindy) – Budget is available to anyone who would like to see it. Budget for next year will include reserves to be used for tech support of iPad/tablet program. LAUSD is no longer repairing instruments, now we will incur those costs. A draft of next year's budget to be presented next month.

Tech Committee (Teresa) – Parents with any tech knowledge are needed. Also need any interested parents to write articles for the Revere Rider. Looking for 2-3 people to take care over the Revere Rider next year.