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Minutes for Art and Design PTA General Meeting

April 12, 2018

Call to Order

A General Membership meeting of Art and Design High School was held on 4/12/18 at the Library. It began at 6:42 and was presided over by Miguel Chavez, with Janet Baus as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Jean Stemm, Frieda Christofides, and Janet Baus

Members not in attendance: Evie Hantzopoulos and Sonia Portorreal.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by a parent and seconded by another parent.

Treasurer Reports

Interim Financial report was presented by Jean. Report attached to the minutes. Hamilton Raffle has netted so far \$2000, and Fanfaire income is \$7,100. Jean reviewed current funding requests from the teachers for: basketball uniforms, Animation club expenses for a Comedy show, the Fashion Show magazine, 44" inkjet paper for use across departments. Flyer attached with these requests listed. Requests must be approved by present parent body.

A parent motioned to put all requests in a bundle to vote on. Motion carries. Miguel motions to fund all requests, it carries unanimously.

It was noted that we recently funded AP Chemistry books and five light boxes for cartooning.

Elections

The Nominating Committee presented the open positions in the PTA executive committee. Elections are May 10th. Miguel Chavez nominated self for President. Frieda nominated Evie for VP. Nelsa nominated self for 2nd VP. Jean Stemm nominated self for Treasurer. Gabrielle Gilliam nominated self for Co-Treasurer. Frieda Christofides nominated self for Corresponding Secretary.

Also, the SLT has open positions. This is an important committee, has input on how the school is run.

Election is next meeting, May 10.

Fundraising

Committee Chair reports on progress of the online auction. Asks PTA to push the Hamilton raffle tickets.

President Report

Miguel thanks the membership again for all their support. The PTA is growing and can be strategic about where to allocate money. And the school is starting to take notice.

Report from latest City Council for High Schools meeting: They are testing Deli Style Lunch.

Miguel introduces the two topics of the night: Choose Your Majors, and Meet The Counselors. Three school counselors, Diana Hernandez, Hilary Molloy, and Shola Thompson are introduced. Several Senior/Junior students are introduced, representing all majors: Illustration, Cartooning, Animation, Film/Video, Architecture, Photography, Graphic Design, and Fashion.

Meet The Counselors

Counselors Diana Hernandez, Hilary Molloy, and Shola Thompson describe their services to the students, who, as teens, are facing a lot of questions, and may have a hard time dealing with issues that get in the way of academic achievement. They have workshops in Commitment Focused Parenting, and there was a breakout session for parents who wanted to learn more. They met in different spot of the Cafeteria for the rest of the meeting time. There was enthusiasm and a request for regular monthly meetings at the end of this session.

Choose Your Majors

Miguel talked about choosing one's major as an important decision that the student should decide for themselves, even if the parent wants to control the decision. That it's better for the students' outcome to choose their own major.

The students then gave presentations on each major. They described the requirements for regular and AP majors, what is required in your portfolio to graduate, a timeline of what each major's curriculum will look like from year to year, what it takes to be in an AP major, the resources the school offers which is often as good as college courses and equipment, the work ethic it takes to succeed, and the excellent access to technology and to the industry.

After the presentations, Miguel stressed the importance of hearing from the students, and asked what the shift to sophomore year is like for the students, and what is stressful for the students in general. The discussion was that if parents don't understand how long it takes to complete the art work, which is stressful. That is can be hard to balance art and academics. That if parents are on your side, and you work hard, you can do well.

Adjournment

Frieda moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:55.

Secretary
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Date of Approval