

Communications Arts High School Parents Support Group

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Minutes of the meeting: **April 15, 2008**

Officers present: Rene' Jacob, President; Ruben Portales, historian; Lynne Schendel, secretary.

Chairs present: Gina Guerrero, hospitality; Debbie Seales, Communication; Jerry DeLeon, Membership.

President Rene' Jacob called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m

Denise Lopez made a motion to approve the March minutes were approved and Debbie Seales seconded the motion. They were passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: As of March 31, 2008, the budget stands at \$3,732.66 after the beginning of the ticket sales for the picnic. We expect to have an updated budget which includes all the costs/income from the picnic for the May meeting.

Agenda Item 1 School Update: Mr. Buchanan expressed his appreciation for the Parent Support Group and all that we have accomplished during the year. He then gave a report on upcoming events including:

April

The Spanish National Honor society held its induction ceremony on April 3. PSG helped celebrate by providing cake and helping to serve refreshments.

4/15 SAT Prep course started today – juniors and seniors will take these.

4/18 Goldbeck Panoramic pictures of senior class and the whole school will be taken. Bring money on Monday to get a copy of the pictures. Cost is approx. \$12 for an individual photo or \$20 for both.

4/22 Three classes will visit a college campus. The sophomores will go to UTSA, juniors, to Incarnate Word, seniors to Texas State. They students will meet with colleges admission staff.

4/23 Class elections

4/24 Earth Day – Earth friendly foods will be available for lunch

4/25 Battle of the Flowers Holiday

Week of 4/26 AP TESTS

Tue. 4/29 sophomore math

Wed. 4/30 junior math

May

Thur. 5/1 freshman math, Soph/Junior Science

Fri. 5/2 Soph/Junior Social Studies

Thur. 5/8 Senior Eng Literature, WORLD HISTORY REVIEW

Fri. 5/9 Junior World History

Mon. 5/12 Biology/Physics

Tue. 5/13 Chemistry and Psychology, MACROECONOMOMICS REVIEW

Fri. 5/16 Spanish Literature

Mrs Barker gave a recap of the AP Test Registration. For comparison, Taft is giving 250 tests for its students, CAHS is giving 800 tests. The district has paid \$14,000 for test study materials, the "5 steps to a 5" booklet. . Please make sure your student is ready to go! While some other schools feel that only the top students should take the AP tests, CAHS believes that it is very good practice for college testing and will give students a good idea of their readiness. She recommends that the AP test should be seen as part of the course and gave samples of questions which students will be facing.

Sat. May 17th Adopt a Freshman Picnic (for Grades 10-12)

Tue. May 20 Independent Study Mentorship Day. Kelley Farwell volunteered to help with the coordination FOR once again this year. Rene Jacob will coordinate the breakfast. Please contact Gina Guerrero if you can donate items or your time.

Sat. May 24 CAHS Banquet: PSG will supply soda and desserts. They will help serve these as well if needed. It depends on the catering firm who is chosen for banquet. We plan to have an update at the next meeting and let you know what might be required. It was suggested that if there were left over soda's from the year's last PSG meeting that these could be donated. Also, senior parents will be contacted to donate soda for the banquet. Students can bring desserts, perhaps in the form of a contest between the various classes. The banquet will take place at 6:30 PM. Ann Holbrook graciously accepted the chair of the CAHS Banquet. She will check w/cafeeteria to see if we can get ice on Friday before (since new policy will not allow to get it on weekend) Debbie will send an email to request the communication tree ask for parents to bring sodas for this event and send in a dessert with their child the night of the banquet for desserts.

Gina needs more items for breakfast for Apr and May. May is breakfast for teachers' birthdays for May thru summer.

Mon. 5/26 Memorial Day Holiday

Tue. 5/27 Sophomores visit UTSA

Wed. 5/28 Best student awards night

June

Sun. 6/1 Senior Banquet – Parents are welcome to attend. There will be a dinner and presentations to reveal seniors plans for college and beyond St. George Maronite.

Mon 6/2 Finals Week

Wed. 6/4 Last Day of School

Tues 6/10 Graduation rehearsal in the Alamodome

Thur. 6/12 Graduation 1 p.m. Alamodome. *(Mr. Buchanan recognized that parents are not happy with the state requirement to have graduation beheld after Memorial Day. The decision was made at the state level. It took into account the availability of various facilities. He noted that in past years, when the event had been held at smaller venues, that parents were limited to no more than 5 tickets per family. He encourages dissatisfied parents to contact your state legislature and express your feelings.)*

Summer School: With the new "4x4" requirements, the need for elective classes during the summer has increased. This is particular true of Health and Music appreciation classes. The Health class will be piloted online this year. There is also a "zero Hour" health class available before the start of school. The cost of online courses is still being determined. The summer school schedule may be increased with a shorter week (Monday – Thursday).

OLD BUSINESS:

CAHS in the Park: Any ideas for changes/comments overall should be directed to Ruben. We will compile the ideas and enter them into the historian's records. The picnic was, by all accounts, a huge success. Approximately 350 lunch tickets were sold. A full accounting will be ready by the May meeting. A new spreadsheet is attached showing the comparison of our actual expenditures and income versus what we budgeted through April.

Auction: Approximately \$2,700 was raised for scholarships. Almost 100 items/baskets were Donated. Jenia Strudell was the winning bidder (\$105) on the beautiful CAHS quilt which was handmade by Norma Espinosa. Jenia has generously decided to donate the quilt to the school and presented it to Mr. Buchanan at Tuesday's meeting. He will have it hung in the auditorium for all to enjoy.

CAHS Scholarship Report: Mary noted that 11 scholarship packets had been received. They have been copied (blind) and will be given to the committees and decided by the committee. Depending on the final results from the picnic, a number of scholarships will be given.

Hospitality Committee Report: Gina thanked those who had donated items for the teacher's breakfasts and encouraged people to continue to donate through the end of the year.

Games Committee Report: Cindy appreciated all the help with the games which kept the students busy and entertained. The list of winners included:

- **TUG OF WAR:** 1st match - Current & Incoming Freshmen (against Sophomores); 2nd match- Seniors (against Juniors); Final match - Current & Incoming Freshmen (against Seniors)
- **FOOTBALL THROW:** Girls - 1st place, Roxanne Garza; 2nd place, Kim Clemons; 3rd place, Theresa Romero
- **3-LEGGED RACE:** 1st place, Marissa DeLeon & Sarah Garza; 2nd place, Tucker Truesdale & Drew DeLeon; 3rd place, Klay Ryman & Kim Clemons
- **FLAG FOOTBALL:** the Upperclassmen (Jrs., Srs. & Sophomores vs. Current & Incoming Freshmen)
- **VOLLEYBALL:** The Junior class won the spirit stick & a pizza lunch with Mr. Buchanan. (We need to somehow get the individual names of these players, or just stick to an honor code.) The Sophomores beat the Freshmen, then the Jrs. beat the Srs., then the Juniors beat the Sophomores.
- **BALLOON TOSS:** 1st, Tara Oetken & Michelle Tarantino; 2nd, Marshall Farwell & Tanner Rosco; 3rd, Drew DeLeon & Tucker Truesdale.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Denise Lopez has agreed to serve as the chair of this committee. You may contact her at deniselopez@nisd.net. Nominations have been accepted for next year's officers and chairs. Two of this year's officers have agreed to serve again next year in their respective capacities. Lynne Schendel will serve as Secretary; Ruben Portales will serve as historian. If you are interested in a chairmanship of a committee, please let incoming president, Kenrick Phillip know.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2008



Lynne Schendel, Secretary