

Minutes

CP Academy council meeting minutes

04/20/06

7:00 PM to 9 PM

College/Career Center

**Facilitator: Rich
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**Note taker: Julie
Kail**

**Timekeeper: Karen
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Agenda topics

15	Updates	Rich
40	Student Presentations	D'borah
20	Internship Help	Rich/Ms Russ
10	Fundraising Committee Sure-up	Rich
20	AP English Classes for CPA Juniors	Ms Russ
10	New Business	

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Updates

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Discussion: 1) Advanced Biology- Mr. Diab, all the e-mails and calls showed a positive effect. There was an increase to 22/28 packets coming in, resolved notebook problem binders were donated by math teacher, the number of tardies has improved there were only 6 this week. However there was a decrease after the "pressure" was let up, packets dropped back down to 14. Mr. Diab commented that he felt really supported at the last meeting.

2) Leadership council Data reduction-Mary, overall review of Sept Mtg. Math Data reduction, Freshman average 2.74 GPA only 4 students have GPA below 2.0. Failure rates were examined. There were more A's in Geometry, C's and D's in IMP II. Questioned whether kids are being placed properly. Should there be pretesting prior to Math class placement?

Conclusions: 1) It appears that once pressure is off old habits return.

Action items: 1) Try sending out a message to let parents know that things are going better/or things are slipping a bit. "keep it hot"

Person responsible: 1) CPA council and Mr. Diab

Deadline: ongoing

2) Focus Goal: look at a subgroup i.e. Math. This yrs Freshmen who are not succeeding follow them through till graduation. Try for a 60% increase in 1 yr an 80% increase in 2 yrs and a 100% by graduation

2) CPA council

40	Student Presentations	D'borah	
<p>Discussion: D'borah discussed how she would like to try to build up the African American males so that they become leaders, not give up, "make sure that we do not leave our young black males behind"</p> <p>Greg Peters BACES coach formed an ideas list that was handed out at mtg. Discussed having mentors come in, discuss their internships, and incorporate Creative Arts.</p> <p>Possible theme "Hopes and Dreams"</p>			
Conclusions: needs a sub-committee			
Action items: sub committee formed, they will set the date for the Student Presentation event		Person responsible: D'borah, Mary, Sheri and Ofra	Deadline: ASAP
20	Internship Help	Rich/Ms Russ	
<p>Discussion: It is becoming more difficult to find internships for students(currently 120)</p> <p>We need to try to place them in a community type internship. Internships take place every Monday and Wednesday from 2:15pm to 3:15pm or later if the student wants. This has not been an easy year one of the reasons being the decrease in available internships through the City of Berkeley only 3 this yr.</p>			
Conclusions: Need parents help to locate possible intern sites via their own job or people they know.			
Action items: Rich researched and found a web site with a list of possibilities. This was divided up among all in attendance at this mtg to research. Rich to provide an example script.		Person responsible: 9 parents in attendance	Deadline: Next 2 months
10	Fundraising Committee Sure-up	Rich	
Discussion: There was a letter written up by Chris and sent out in order to raise donations from parents.			

Conclusions: Need to check on Thank you notes and make sure that they are being sent out, Berkeley High School Development Group should be sending these out.

Action items: Need to also make sure a Fundraising Committee continues to exist.	Person responsible:	Deadline: Update at next mtg
Mary and Rich to check on Thank You notes		

20	AP English Classes for CPA Juniors	Ms Russ
<p>Discussion: There have been various attempts since 1990 to incorporate AP English for Juniors into the CPA program none of which have really worked.</p> <p>This year they will be offering an AP Option through Ms Bell's class 2 days per week with an on-line component and additional study sessions provided. Students will need to be prepared to spend an additional 1-2 hours per night on AP English work. At the end of the year they can then take the AP test and if they pass with a 3 or higher they will get AP credit for the class.</p>		

Conclusions: AP Literature & Composition for Juniors and AP Language & Composition for Seniors.		
Action items: still an on going discussion	Person responsible: CPA	Deadline:

10	New Business
Discussion: 1)STAR testing to begin next week, emphasis on making sure that kids take these tests.	
2) Next meeting 05/18/06 at 7PM	
Conclusions: N/A	

Action items: people needed to cut and pass out bagels next Tuesday-Friday	Person responsible: Mary	Deadline: next week
Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM		