

**CP Academy Parent Council Meeting
May 17, 2007
Minutes**

Rich Hemphill chaired the meeting.

Student Showcase and Barbecue

The Student Showcase and Barbecue will be June 3rd at Frances Albrier Center in San Pablo Park on June 3rd from 2 to 5 (barbecue first, presentations after). Rich Hemphill volunteered to barbecue. Karen Van Brunt volunteered to pick up the presentations, take them to the park, and help set them up. D'borah Young volunteered to work with Jackie Jenkins and the Leadership Council on the student presentations.

Funding for SAT/ACT Study Guides

Karen Van Brunt found some very reasonably-priced guides on Craig's List and was willing to contribute some money toward their purchase. We agreed to fund the rest.

Library Media Presentation

Ellie Goldstein-Erickson gave us a hands-on presentation in the library of the online subscription services that are available for students' use in doing research for their classes. Students and their parents (as members of the BHS community) can use these services in the BHS library, from home, from any Berkeley library, or from any computer with internet access. Ellie gave us bookmarks with the necessary log in information for the subscription services which include ProQuest, Facts.com, Literature Resource Center, and H.W. Wilson Biography. Ellie can't send this log in information out over the internet, but if you would like a copy, find Ellie in the library and she'll give it to you.

Update on Jackie Jenkins' Replacements

Jackie Jenkins who currently teaches Freshman and Junior English will be leaving next year. Alex Freidus will replace her as the English teacher for next year's sophomores. Wyn Skeels, a former CP Academy teacher, will return to teach English to next year's seniors. Because next year's seniors have had a different English teacher every year, Wyn came to the meeting to introduce himself and talk with parents about his experience and plans for next year. Wyn has been closely involved with CP Academy for a number of years, left to get his Master's Degree, and is eager to return. He will be working exclusively with seniors, both as an English teacher and on senior projects and college preparation. Students and parents who know him are very happy that he will be returning and he emphasized that he will make himself available to address any parents' concerns.

Funding for AP English Books

Susannah Bell requested funds for 26 paperback copies of *The Invisible Man* for next year's AP English class. We asked her to submit the request in writing, along with a budget. She did and we approved her request.

Budget Report

Our recent fundraising letter has raised \$300 with contributions still coming in. Chris Byrne, our representative to the Berkeley High School Development Group (BHSDG), gave us a budget update. CP Academy currently has \$15,000, much of it to be used to support the Writers Coach Connection next year. BHSDG will provide \$6,000 to pay for the Writers Coach Connection Coordinator.

Writer's Coach Committee Needed

We will need parents next year to be involved in implementing the Writers Coach Connection so that we can be ready to go in the beginning of the year. Rich volunteered to send out an email asking for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00, but people stayed after to chat. This meeting was the last one of the year.