

CP Academy Parent Council Meeting
October 19, 2006
Minutes

Rich Hemphill chaired the second meeting of the year.

Updates on what we've done so far:

- The second newsletter was sent out on October 14th. Anyone who wants to suggest or contribute an article should contact Marty Downey at 510-644-1219 or Peterd1143@aol.com
- SAT online practice was barely used and for now, we will not continue to provide it. Instead, we will look into SAT prep classes. Princeton Review will give a discount price of \$250 per student (down from \$700) if we can enroll 20 students. Interested families should send an email to (admin@bhscpa.org). If close to 20 people are interested, we could consider financing some scholarships.
- The Leadership Council met on October 5th and members got to know each other and agreed to continue the two main goals of last year and work on developing new goals for this year. The two goals to be continued from last year are 1) work towards increasing the average class GPA by 10% each year and 2) insure that all CPA students will complete the math requirement for UC system admission.
- Transitioning homework to the BHS homework website is in progress. There seems to be a fundamental question amongst the teachers as to whether it is easier to use or not. Homework is still available on the CP Academy website and it looks like there movement to find another parent to continue the website when the present parent leaves in approximately two years. This topic is very much open for discussion.

Committee Reports

- Internships: Flora Russ reported that almost all juniors now have an internship. Internships this year include the EBC Law Center, Children's Hospital, Listen for Life (World Music), tutoring at Washington School, Special Education at King School, MPR Associates, and Youth Court. The Internship Committee sends out letters monthly to solicit internships. Anyone who would like to help should send an email to (admin@bhscpa.org).
- The Communications committee needs someone to start a phone tree to provide information to CPA parents who don't

- have email. Anyone who would like to help should send an email to (admin@bhscpa.org).
- The Fundraising committee will begin by focusing on three goals: 1) sending out a fundraising letter to CPA families, 2) writing grants to solicit money for providing additional services through the homework center as well as money for updating the CPA computer resources, and 3) volunteering to help CPA teachers write Berkeley Public Education Grants which are easy to get but due the first of second month of school when teachers are busy. The fundraising letter will highlight the use of funds for such projects as field trips to Zellerbach, college visits, a retreat in Marin for juniors, possible scholarships for SAT prep classes, and so on.
 - Karen Davis volunteered to chair the Community Building committee and everyone was delighted. We proceeded on the spot to plan the winter get together.

Winter Get-Together

- Will take place will take place December 1st from 6 to 9 in the Washington School cafetorium, pending approval from the principal.
- We will have a pot luck with division of dishes based on last name.
- Flora will inquire about student entertainment.
- There will be a two circle inquiry game like last time (who will research this?)
- Flora will bring utensils, paper plates, etc.
- Students will teach parents/staff Latin dances. Someone needs to talk to Janelle Bugarini for info (who will research this?)
- The MC will be Lamel Senior.
- We need parents to do the decorations.
- We need parents to organize a raffle.

1st Grading Period Progress Reports Discussion

- Rich Hemphill discussed what had been done last year to help students with Advanced Biology, especially regarding organizational issues, and also noted that CAS has addressed these same organizational issues by hiring a professional to work with students on organization at their homework center. We might use grant money to do the same.
- Questions about student difficulty in classes this year resulted in comments that many students are currently receiving poor

grades in 11th grade English. We will invite the teacher, Ms. Jenkins, to the next meeting to discuss what we can do to help students bring up their grades in that class.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. The process observer noted that it was a well-run, on-track meeting, with good participation from all who attended, and much accomplished.