

20 Mar 08—CPA Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Announcements

There will be a BFT rally in support of teachers with layoff notices on Wednesday, April 9 at 5 at the BUDS Administration Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Plans are also underway for a rally in Sacramento on May 15th. If possible, the senior Sacramento trip date will be changed to coordinate with the rally.

Review of the College Information Session held Saturday, March 15th.

The College Information Session, although not as well attended as last year was excellent with excellent participation from the parents and students who were there. Angela Price's presentation was extremely helpful, especially her focus on private schools as an alternative to the numbers-based acceptance orientation of the UCs. She emphasized that there is a private school for everyone—for example, a student who is excellent at English, but poor in math would be welcomed by a private college with a strong English program. Her entire presentation is posted on the web at the bottom of the page - <http://www.bhscpa.org/collegeprocess/CollegeCounseling.html>

Community Building

Plans are underway for the end-of-year barbecue although we have to change the date due to a conflict with the African-American graduation.

Homework Postings – Update (Rich Hemphill,)

Science homework postings have improved thanks to the work done at the February meeting.

Communications (Rich Hemphill & Bo Orloff)

Bo will take over the website from Rich in June. Bo went to a webmasters meeting to learn about how to connect the CPA website with Edline. CPA parents should let Bo know what they would like on the website and what CPA-specific information they would like to see on Edline by sending an email to bo@wub-fur.us. We will also discuss this in the next newsletter.

Leadership Council (Wyn Skeels,)

The leadership council is well-attended with good participation from both parents and students. They have finalized their achievement goals. Each class will demonstrate a 5% increase in English achievement using the universal achievement measurement. Annie Johnston and parents are currently writing grants to pay for this achievement measurement tool. We received a \$10,000 grant from In Dolci Jublio to pay for WriterCoach Connection and the AP English program. We are waiting to see if we will get more money for the WriterCoach Connection from BHSDG for ongoing funding of the program in partnership with CAS. See the Leadership Council minutes on the CPA website for complete information.

Wyn Skeels also reported that, as a result of the statewide budget cuts, we have lost our counselor, Caren Ohlson. Also, one teacher received a pink slip, but will probably not be let go. Other than that, CPA has done pretty well thanks to BHS level support.

Discuss PC support for *the Ivoryana Valentin Memorial Scholarship for Health Careers.*

Tory will talk to Chris Byrne and Susannah Bell to find out what we need to do to set up and administer a scholarship in the memory of Ivoryana Valentin, a beloved CPA alumna who was tragically killed in a car accident. We will also ask Susannah Bell to write a piece about Ivoryana Valentin for the newsletter.

Fundraising Issues

Tory found a website, CafePress, that provides on-demand ordering and printing of logo-specific tee shirts, mugs, stickers, magnets, etc. We all agreed that this sounds like a good fundraiser and that we have nothing to lose. We discussed developing tee shirt designs with Jaime Knight, our art teacher, as well as tee shirts and hoodies for each class. Tory will pursue further.

We still think that a photo booth of some kind is a great idea. Ken Hamik and Bo Orloff

are getting more information.

We decided to put off discussion of a possible Pancake Breakfast fundraiser until the fall.

Internships

Rich Hemphill will turn over a mailing list of possible internships to Marty Downey who will send out letters soliciting internships. We will also put another request for internships in the next newsletter.

Wrapping up

The process observer noted and everyone agreed that participation in the meeting was excellent in spite of low attendance.