PTSO General Meeting 4/16/2014

Sushama Thakker, Padma Srinivas, Lyjune Chang, Sepideh Ghassemian, Eileen You, Loretta Nussbacher, D. Miller, Jennie Lau, Cathie Thermond, Paul Robinson, Bob Mistele, Katherine Tseng, Susan Chin, Sarah Hung, Cynthia Miller, Tom Alexander, Dory Albert, Sandhya Narayan, Sheeba Garg, Parul Samdarshi, Jennifer Zhang, Jian Li, Elizabeth Xu, Ashley Chao, Kirk Davis, Brian Safine, Kevin Mount,

**Sushama** opened the meeting at 8:40AM

March minutes approved.

**Cathie Thermond** - Recruiting volunteers for initial phone calls for GO bond campaign. Calling past Yes voters and parents, which is easy. Absentee ballots mailed out around May 1st, election is June 3rd. Last facilities bond was 1998.

**Bob Mistele** – Facilities design teams formed. Prioritize projects. Stakeholder groups to be involved with architects. Need to determine how much money it really is. *Passed out minutes from project rationale.* Open process. Requesting feedback. Summary and meeting minutes on website. Want transparency.

**Sandy:** treasurer report. No checks written, just a status report.

**Paul Robinson:** WASC accreditation visit Apr 27-30. Visitation team is made up of people from schools all over the bay area. Self study document is about 500 pages. Executive summary is about 50 pages and will be on website, plus copies in office. Shout out Audrey Wormouth, Kevin Mount, students involved.

Staff development committee very involved in Common Core. Another collaboration session in three weeks. Teachers really taking it on to teach depth not breadth. Teacher-led.

Junior prom Saturday night. >50 more tickets sold than years past.

AT&T park trip for seniors. You can put up a message on message board: fundraiser for senior class.

Sports Plaza completion still targeted for June 2nd. Prefab buildings will be placed by crane Monday.

**Katherine/Cynthia:** Jason Lee – student entrepreneur recognized. Board is looking to replenish strategic reserve funds used during parcel tax campaign. Robotics team went to Denver competition, got to quarter finals. Entire master plan is on website. Each of the schools has a facilities design team representing the major stakeholder groups. Any questions should be directed to the teams or representatives.

**Kirk Davis:** College Board revamping Physics AP curriculum starting next year. Right now, we have a non-Calculus based AP Physics (B) which is a full year’s worth of college level Physics. There is no prerequisite. Algebra based. Typically 80% seniors and about 150 kids enrolled. It’s hard to teach. College Board has decided this is a 2 year course: AP Physics 1 and 2, Mechanics and Electromagnetism. (B) is gone. Realistically, only about 15 kids take 2 years of physics. Our syllabus has been submitted to college board for AP1 and AP2. We’re approved for AP2. AP1 still pending. Now they would take two
AP tests Board wants people to do more labs. (B) is currently 25% labs and also covers Optics, Thermodynamics, etc. Wealthy school districts are all pushing back. AP Physics (C) is calculus based. Mr Davis believes this should be a second year physics class. LGHS Physics (C) is second year class. Next year we won’t have Physics (C), but AP Physics1, if approved, and then AP Physics 2.

Brian Safine- Next week 1st ever computer-based Smarter Balanced test. Only impacts juniors. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri alphabetically based on last name. Two periods, 90 students each day. LGHS doing it this week. Testing the test, and testing our network/system,. Parents get no data for this year.

AP testing May 5-14. Q&A for Junior parents May 7th 2:45 after school. Workshop Friday May 23rd for Juniors/students. Tonight college essay writing workshop.

Booster clubs: Loretta – drama boosters: Les Mis next weekend and first weekend in May. Sales going well. A lot of students involved. Hydration station put in at McAfee. Marquee is on its way and due to be installed by end of school year.

Tom - Sportsboosters; May20 7PM incoming 8th grade night to meet coaches. Paul: New Athletics webpage on school website, including online registration process. Also new calendar of all events on website.

Music - Pancake Breakfast May 4th. Mr Jow inviting siblings, parents to join Griffin Band’s set. This Saturday Vivace and Griffin band to Skywalker Ranch.

Speakers: Dory - college essay writing tonight, 7:00-8:30PM in library.

Falcon appreciation lunch next Friday. Please come.