SHS PTSO General Meeting on 2/7/2019

Attendance: Parul Samdarshi, Poonam Shah, Anahid Guelessarian, Arati Nagaraj, Jessica Liu, Nick Whyte, Anubha Chaule, Sarah Hung, Sumangald Presad, Daisy Huang, Elezabeth Wu, Li Ning, Xuiyan Wang, Amy Yao, Eleanor Wu, Manish Jai, Louica Wong, Hugh Wong, Sophia Adams, Monica Reddy Deepti Mangal, Sheeba Grag, Annie Ying, Ashley Chao

Call to meeting at 8:35AM

Parul started by reminding everyone the Staff Lunar New Year Luncheon tomorrow, 2/8, AP exam registration started and will be close next Friday, 2/15, course selections for next school year already started; and thanked all the volunteers for Food for Final last December. Also thanked Mr. Robinson for his service for the last 6 years—he is retiring after this semester.

Treasurer report presented by Poonam:
Good fundraising by the PTSO fundraising team, we are in good shape financially with total 170K in the bank. Most checks were cut for the teachers’ grants approved earlier in Nov/Dec. Rita made the motion to rectify the checks as presented, and Deepti seconded. All members approved.

Principle report by Mr. Robinson:
Thanked the PTSO for all the support to Teachers’ Grants to enrich the classroom and teaching experience; the Students Center will be open by next PTSO meeting---Mr. Grove promised to make it happen---again, thanked all community members for help and support to ensure the Students Center operations---the alumni invited today will prove how great SHS has been.

Special speakers from League of Women Voters from south bay which serves Saratoga, Los Gatos, Monte Serrano, and Campbell. They sponsored candidates Forum during the election on 2018, and 16 Pro & Con discussions—all to ensure a fair election, and also educate the voters. They would like to ask support from parents and young adults—register when you turn 18; and pre-register when you are 16-17.

Panel Discussion followed.
Panel list: Nikhil Goel (2014); Nikki Bedekar (2013); Sabrina Chen (2015); San Ku (2010); Chelsea Miller (2013); and Michael Fitzsimmons (2014).

Questions:
1. Introduce yourself---describe your journey so far.
2. Describe a high school experience that was particularly significant to you and how it contributed to who you are today.
3. Did Saratoga High School prepare you for facing the world? Why or why not?
4. If you could do high school over what would you do the same: what would you do differently?
5. What did your family do that most helped you succeed in high school?
What support from your family most helped you succeed beyond high school
What advice/suggestions do you have for us as parents?

All panelists were candid, and articulate. The discussion will be posted on Guidance website once it becomes available. Stay tuned!

Submitted respectfully by Ashley Chao on 2/11/2019