PTSO General Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014

Attendees: Dory Albert, Tom Alexander, Carol Barrmeier, Cynthia Chang, Elisa Chen, Susan Chin, Alison Chung, Michelle Fan, Sheeba Garg, Kristin Gragnola, Michelle Halteman, Sarah Hung, Manisha Kanekar, Lisa Liu, Yufan Lu, Joanne Makeever, Rebeca Marshburn, Darrell Miller, Susan Nakahira, Monica Rhee, Paul Robinson, Jayshree Desai Shanbhag, Jennie Tien, Laura Tillett, Susan Vukovatz, Sandy Wu, Yonghian Wu

President's Report: Laura Tillett opened the meeting.
- Update of Teacher Grant Requests: The teacher grant request list was handed out. Had meeting with Foundation and went through in detail every grant request. Sandy Wu has the details of all the requests. Please contact her if you would like more information. None have been approved yet. December is a social meeting, however we should make this one item an agenda item.
- PTSO tax return - CPA filed our tax return for us and he noted we did not file as a Charitable Trust. Going forward PTSO will be on California State’s website with our tax information online and we paid $25 to continue registration of this.
- October Minutes passed out and Laura asked everyone to look at the October Minutes. Susan Chin motioned to approve and Sandy Wu seconded. All approved October 2014 meeting minutes.

Membership Update: Sarah Hung reported that directories were distributed last Friday.
- JDI income has not changed much. Still $13K short.

Parent Education: Dory Albert mentioned author, Lynn O’Shaughnessy working with Mountain View/Los Altos about College Options; She wrote book titled College Solutions.
- Shawna Shapiro presenting Mindful Parenting 7:00 PM, Nov. 18 at LGHS Theatre
- Last night was a common ground speaker who has a book out that provides helpful parenting advice on how to raise kids. Dory will post presentation on PTSO website.

Review and Approve Budget: Michelle Fan passed out list of checks (3) to ratify. Sarah Hung motioned to approve and Sandy Wu seconded. Motion approved for check ratifications.

Principal's Report: Paul Robinson told us he got back late from Monterey High School from a Volleyball game with Saratoga winning.
Water polo won Tuesday night. They play tonight in Mtn View.

All athletic teams are going to CCS, since doing well.

Cross country in Salinas is poised as a team to go to State.

Girls Tennis won their match yesterday. They are #1 seed in CCS, doing so well in spite of missing 2 players.

Football game Friday night to recognize Senior cheerleaders and football players. Also, will honor the donors for Sports Plaza, as all tiles are up. This will be a photo opportunity on Friday night.

**Guest Speaker: Lisa Liu** is the Adult Services Librarian and is in the process of organizing an English conversation club. Cupertino started it and got 70-90 people to participate. SHS earlier this year organized classes for parents that spoke other languages. Lisa would like to collaborate with the high school. She needs some volunteers to lead conversations. The club is informal, really a social club in Cupertino. It is like going to a party. Groups of ten. Everyone is identified according to their level. They talk about things they are interested in, like current events and practical survival skills, etc.

**Foundation: Kristin Gragnola** stated that the Foundation still needs donations to fund computers for school. They just funded turf. Donate on website online.

**Vice-Principal’s Report: Brian Safine** announced a free app, described as GPS for college admission, called VOLV.

Private early college applications have been submitted. Next deadline December 1st for UC’s. After we support Seniors Guidance will see groups of sophomores and juniors. In late November will talk about next school year. New courses will be rolled out in early February.

**Student Mental Health** will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Upcoming Student Activities: Rebeca Marshburn** reported about Speak Up for change has been going on for 2-3 years. Leadership group is in charge of putting things up. They are promoting individual balance; Need to do what they like the most, look for the little spark they like. They will present an assembly on 11/20. Students are planning a carnival but not finalized yet. Carnival will help leadership get more money. They are decorating the back wall with plans.

Keith Hawkins is coming; he has a great way to inspire kids

Winter Ball needs chaperones.

Junior class boutique is Sunday, December 7th. They are getting local merchants, artists, with students working. They are doing a Santa’s workshop and will have a jumpy house for kids.

Meeting concluded at 9:00 AM for Naviance training in library.