

Signature PTSA Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018
6pm – 7:30pm
Central Library, Browning Room A

Meeting was called to order by Signature PTSA President Karen Cinelli.

Attendance – Jenna McClary, David McClary, Kim Wahl, Serena Laroia, Ro Goldblatt, Karen Cinelli, Leticia Merlin, Cheryl Brice, Anjanette Sylla, Jennifer Rusche, Karen Dishman, Angela Bethel, Alanna King, Dave King, LeAnn Freeman and Beth Hafele.

Secretary Report – LeAnn Freeman made a motion to approve the February minutes, Kim Wahl seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Karen Cinelli reported in the absence of Amy Hoon

- February ending balance \$17,123.35 in PTSA account – No change from the prior month
- No change in the gaming account.

Program:

Signature Parent Panel -- Serena Laroia, David McClary, Jenna McClary, Kim Wahl and Ro Goldblatt
Got Questions? We've Got the Answers, or if not, where to find them!

- SAT / ACT
 - Sit for both exams. Some students will score better on one over the other.
 - Colleges vary on which they prefer. Some colleges are “test free” – they don’t require you submit a score
 - Review the colleges you are interested in – some will require a subject test in addition to the main test
 - Do not recommend taking more than 3 times.
 - When you sign up for the test, mark “item analysis” – useful when you get your results
 - Students vary on the best way to prep for the test – lots of options out there
 - Course
 - Review books
 - Khan academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
 - College Board
 - There is an app – SAT/ACT question of the day
 - Know the cut off marks – currently need 1250 for merit consideration (total is 1600 – 800 Math/800 English)
 - Time Management on the test is key. Know whether wrong answers count against you.
- College / Major Selections
 - If you are unsure, look at schools that offer a broad range of subjects. Don’t lock yourself in to an Engineering school, for example, if you might not be 100% certain you want to go into Engineering.
 - Going in Undecided is OK
 - Watch due dates – deadlines vary by schools. In general, November 1st of Senior year, but some schools are earlier.
 - For the schools you apply to – check for scholarships they might offer. You must investigate what is available, they won’t send you that information without requesting.
 - Many times, the essays on the applications differentiate the students. Test scores don’t always do that. Allow plenty of time for those essays.
 - Many schools use the common application – some still have a university specific application. Allow time to fill those out, along with any supplemental portions.
 - Watch your US mail and your email. Don’t let an important piece of paper / deadline slip up by thinking it was junk mail.
 - Summer programs in specific areas help a student decide if they truly like a subject of study, and just as important, if they don’t. Volunteer opportunities can also help.
 - UE has an online service to assist in narrowing the subjects / jobs that best suit the student

Committee Reports:

- Hangers – Amy Wolf
 - Toiletry Drive March 12th - 16th: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Deodorant \$\$\$. Winning class will earn a point for Spring Fling
 - Prom Dress for those who need one – Saturday, March 17th from 9am – 1pm
- Give Backs -- LeAnn Freeman
 - Feb. Panera Bread
 - March 21st MOD Pizza 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – 20% give back
- Student Appreciation Luncheon -- LeAnn Freeman and Amy Hoon:
 - Date TBD – believe it will be the last Friday in April but awaiting confirmation from the school
- Signature Spirit Wear -- Maria Elena Thompson and Tara Blessinger
 - Sale April 3rd-April 12th – online sale, 4 designs
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week -- Amy Wolf:
 - May 21st (lunch), 22nd (lunch with Senior Class), and 23rd (breakfast)
- AP Snacks -- Jennifer Potter
 - Requested after Spring Break.
- Senior Banquet Tuesday, May 22nd

Presidents Report:

- Membership: PTSA Representation at Freshman Orientation on Friday evening, April 6th
- Senior Honors Night: Cake and Punch Reception: May 21, 2018
 - Linda Sartore McClain volunteered to Chair
- International Dinner: Anjanette Silla Chairperson.
 - August 18th Date Confirmed
- Barnes and Noble Fundraiser ?? Fall 2018
 - Kim Wahl will follow up with Barnes and Noble
- Nominating Committee for Elections:
 - Karen Cinelli and Jennifer Potter. Need one more volunteer
- AP Research Volunteers needed on Thursday, April 12th 2018-2019
- PTSA Board Election May 9th. Also: Special Guest Speaker-Mr. Robert Koch II
- Parent Campaign: 40% of Goal, 10% participating. \$23,750 current giving level
- Movement on the Incoming Freshmen Wait List: 10 Students Off Wait List
- Executive Assistant Position: Filled! Virginia Morgan April 2nd USI Liberal Arts Div. from NJ

School Needs:

- Thank you for restocking the pantry!

Upcoming Activities:

April PTSA Meeting

Wednesday, April 11th

Noon – 1:30pm

Central Library

Browning Room

PTSA Fun Friday

Casual Morning Get Together for Parents

No March Fun Friday Meeting

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary – Beth Hafele

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