

**Beckman High School – PTO Minutes**  
**November 19, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Teacher's Lounge**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Hajali, at 6:40 p.m.

**Members in Attendance(13):** Camille Gershenovitz, Adele Heuer, Paris Hajali, Mary Hajali, Juna Chiang, Jaya Ginson, Kathy Boutelle, Jane Wong, Fanny Chen, Crystal Kirch(Digital Learning Coach), Kathy Kung, Suzanne Takieddine, Susan Shube.

**Quorum:** Yes

**Approval of Minutes:** The motion was made to approve the October minutes by Camille Gershenovitz, Kathy Boutelle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by vote.

**Special Guests:** Crystal Kirch - Digital Learning Coach

**ASB Report – Paris Hajali:**

- Raised 15K from Homecoming Dance which is 4K more than the last year.
- The Beckman T-Shirts are called "Beckmaniacs", and they are for all the games including Baseball.
- 250 T-Shirts were ordered to distribute during the "Basketball Kickoff", and \$1,000 was paid for them. Only 200-250 students were expected but they were more than 400 and some of them had to be turned away without the T-Shirts.
- The cost of the T-Shirts are \$4, which would be just given away to students this year. Plans are to sell them at \$5 each next year.
- As most of the money raised by ASB goes to pay the referees, it was proposed that \$2,500 was needed from PTO to fund the ordering of T-Shirts.
- After discussion a motion was made by Juna Chiang to approve 50% of the amount i.e. \$1,250 for ASB. Kathy Boutelle seconded the motion and it was approved by vote.
- For TruBlu week last year the teachers gave away 13 stars pen to the students with the traits. This year starting @week of Dec 8th till the end of school year, there would be prizes every 2 weeks and a grand prize at the end of the school year.

**Administrator's Report – Adele Heuer:**

- Being a Microsoft showcase school every student gets 5 copies of MS Office to install at home.
- There are 16 students in the Beckman Tech Team, which functions like the Apple Genius bar.
- The students were chosen from the computer classes and the rest were interviewed and selected on the basis of their interests.

- There is a proposal of creating an art gallery at the 200 building "Hospital Way", as referred by students.
- Ed Fund is sponsoring to put benches over there and use it for reception.
- We had a very successful report card night and the college night for the 11th and 12th graders.
- Yesterday we had an assembly for ways to prevent suicide.
- Today TruBlu Luncheon happened where employees chose students meeting one of the 13 traits.

**President's Report – Mary Hajali:**

- In the Coordinating council meeting it was announced that every school will get \$3,000 from the total fund of 180K.
- This year we will be having California Assessment of Students Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Testing instead of STAR testing.
- There are two components for the testing - first the online and the second the traditional tests on paper for science.
- The tests are scheduled to happen from April 13th to May 20th 2015.
- Online test result will be out in 3 weeks but the traditional result will be in the month of July or August.
- There would be a gap in the testing result. Students may be needing to prepare for the test as there are 16 different kinds of test.
- Schools will be starting earlier from the summer of 2017.

**Membership Report – Juna Chiang:**

- PTO Directory is at the print shop.
- Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday for punching and binding the directories. Need to contact Cheri Price @district in printing services.
- Will try to distribute it to the students before the Thanksgiving break.

**Treasurer's Report – Camille Gershenovitz:**

- Membership is on track.
- Taxes have been filed.
- Insurance has been paid.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- Kathy Boutelle spoke about a program called "Byte of Reality". This is a Financial Management Education for the seniors funded by Credit Unions. The program teaches them to use their money wisely and budget them.
- This program is scheduled for the end of January after the Finals.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes Prepared By:** Jaya Ginson - Secretary

Minutes Approved as Written: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved as Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_