

Beckman High School – PTO Minutes
Nov 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Library

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Hajali, at 6:35 p.m.

Members in Attendance(12): Mary Hajali, Jaya Ginson, Jane Wong, Camille Gershenovitz, Pam Edmondson, Helen Kim, Christine Kim, Adele Heuer, Kathy Ghanouni, Pam Danile Dixon, Nancy Aynehchi, Yuehfeng Chen

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes: The motion was made to approve the October minutes by Pam Edmondson, Kathy Ghanouni seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by vote.

Special Guests: Code Campus Academy program

- The program was introduced by founders and graduates from NYU
- Teaching coding to high school students
- Already teaching elementary students
- As extra tutoring to Computer Science and AP classes

Administrator's Report – Adele Heuer:

- Report card night is tomorrow
- New building
 - last week ribbon cutting ceremony happened
 - need to finalize permanent fencing
 - outside walkway is good
 - have artificial turf outside
- Tru blue was today
- honor roll on Monday
- Thanksgiving holiday is next week
- finished first quarter
- school calendar to move up to reflect other districts around us
- move up start date by 2 weeks so semester would end before winter break and school before memorial day
- by 2018-19 this would be done
- Fall sports begin early and AP tests are in May

President's Report - Mary Hajali

- Princeton is in all Irvine schools.
- They can conduct classes at Beckman

- Less money is given back to us
- They also want \$2-\$5 back from SAT practice test
- Ultimate course 25 hrs for \$1,099, 2.5 hours per day - discount \$150, we get \$50 back
- Revolution Prep gave 10% back
- Guaranteed 100 pt improvement in SAT and 3 pts in ACT
- If not satisfied can repeat the course
- Honors program on hold for this year due to new SAT
- Another one we can look into is Kaplan

Treasurer Report - Camille Gershenovitz

- Revolution Prep not answering, following up with Princeton review
- taxes filed
- First career center luncheon was successful
- 27 backpacks and 65 buckets needed for disaster preparedness
- \$2,100 needed - chinese PTO gave \$200, korean PTO \$300 plus donate water
- Motion was made to approve additional \$600 for disaster preparedness by Camille Gershenovitz, Kathy Ghanouni seconded the motion. Motion was passed by vote
- \$4,000 to be left in Every 15 minutes account for the time being
- New offer for the sound system is \$34,375
- we could rent a lift or use the one at the district
- Hire a support person for counselor to work with naviance

Membership Report - Pam Edmondson and Carmel Ryan

- directory spot is on and 800 families have logged in
- Carmel trying to get sponsorships
- Platinum members recognized
- End of the year survey can be done to check the viability of directory spot
- 5 companies match the fund
- IBM is matching the donation

Committee Chairs & Volunteering Report – Jane Wong

- Need water and granola bars for teachers for the report card night
- Staff holiday luncheon to be catered by Strawberry cafe

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- none

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Jan 20, 2016

Minutes Prepared By: Jaya Ginson - Secretary

Minutes Approved as Written: _____ Date: _____

Minutes Approved as Corrected: _____ Date: _____