

Beckman High School – PTO Minutes
January 21, 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(26): Adele Heuer, Mary Hajali, Juna Chiang, Jaya Ginson, Kathy Boutelle, Jane Wong, Suzanne Takieddine, Rajaa Chaya, Chilan Nguyen, Karen Lin, Kristine Wang, Eunyoung Han, Teveca Lai, Zavina Lou, Alene Lee, Junmez Lu, Stephanie Wilnar, Betty Huang, Hong Niu, Wendy Zhang, Pushpa Sahu, Yongqing Wu, Laurie Abelow, Jonathan Abelow, Nancy Aynehchi, Kathy Ghanouni .

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes: The motion was made to approve the November minutes by Kathy Ghanouni, Nancy Aynehchi seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by vote.

Special Guests/Assessment Presentation: Superintendent Dr. Franklin

- We now have the SBACK (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) Scores instead of the STAR Testing for the CSTs.
- The testing will be taken from grades 3-8, 11 and 10th (only life sciences).
- We have more nonfiction and new standards for the curriculum therefore there was a need for the new tests.
- Tests will be taken on computers and some will be subjective having the following types:
 - Computer Adaptive Tests - Students will get different test questions depending on their response on their previous questions.
 - Classroom Activity
 - Performance Task - Students will collect data on topics, analyze the content, and give their views on them.
- There will be 16 different types of questions: multiple choice and short answer type questions will be graded by computer, and long answers by teachers.
- SBACK was given feedback from each school last year.
- Expectations of the tests:
 - Scores of the students would be lower
 - The scores cannot be compared
 - Students' scores will improve over time
 - Tests can be compared with other states using the SBACK throughout the whole country (about 44-45 States are already using the SBACK)

- The tests are not timed like the CSTs.
- There will be 3 mock tests before the actual one so that the students know what types of questions will be there in the actual test.

ASB Report – Paris Hajali & Bianca Lacavera: Not Present, report presented by Mary Hajali

- Winter Formal Assembly, January 9th
- Winter Formal dance on February 7th
- Senior Breakfast this morning from 7:45 – 9 AM. We provided free “healthy” Chick-fill-A (we had to have wheat bread instead of biscuits).
- Senior Movie Night next week in the PAC where free pizza will be provided and there will be a movie showing.
- Continuing to support our athletic programs
- This Friday and Saturday, we will be supporting our theater program by attending their play, Antigone (Antigony).

Administrator’s Report – Adele Heuer:

- It's end of the First Semester.
- SAT, PSAT and Ready Step gave students an idea and was a field trial. 2400 students took the test. They will get \$25 gift cards and one year subscription to take PSAT by college board for taking the test.
- Last week 120 seniors participated in the program sponsored by local Credit Unions called the Byte of Reality. There were 30 volunteers helping them. They had a simulation where the students were given salaries and were required to pay off their debts and end up with money in the end. The program was for 2 1/2 hours was an eye opener for them as they realized the hardship of managing their finances and raising kids.
- Students debate and good thinking taking place in all the classes.

President’s Report – Mary Hajali:

- Membership directories were distributed before the winter break.

Volunteering Report – Jane Wong:

- Dr. Choi is coordinating emergency back packs for every classroom.
- Plans for having portable toilets in every class.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Nancy Aynehchi was planning to have a violin player concert, but the school already has one scheduled for March 24th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Jaya Ginson - Secretary

Minutes Approved as Written: _____ Date: _____

Minutes Approved as Corrected: _____ Date: _____