

DRAFT Minutes
PFC General Meeting
November 17, 2016
7pm, Library

Present: Joanna Sibley, Julie Chesnutt, Kamwal Sodhi, Lisa Lamm, Monica Zorman, Darlene Babcock, Kim Harris, jamie La Pierre, DeeDee Blankley, Karen Jenkins, Anna Saunders, Mike Escobar, Carol Berger, Nicole Padoan, Lisa Huynh, Linda Graham, Sally Anderson, Katie Piercall, Julie Stokol, Michael McAlister

Meeting Called to order: 7:05 pm

Principal's Report: Michael McAlister. Leaving shortly for speaking engagement, but asked by Joanna Sibley to attend meeting specifically to address MDUSD decision changing home high school designation process for CVCHS feeder pattern. Vote apparently allows these 7th graders to choose and designate any high school in the District as their home high school. McAlister says that is incorrect that Northgate residents would be competing in a lottery if our school was at capacity. He has room for 1,650 students and currently has 1,580 students enrolled. If close to that number, would shrink inter- and intra-district transfers to offset potential increase in students from the Clayton feeder pattern. He does not feel any additional studies of population trends would have been useful, as District is capable of making decisions to be sure Northgate education protected and has two years to plan if additional capacity actually needed. No need to exacerbate fears, as talk of lotteries is doing. Responding to a question from a parent, Mr. McAlister said that it is incorrect that Northgate area resident student could be bumped in a lottery by a Clayton-feeder pattern student.

Be aware that Northgate students are playing Assassin game. Supposed to be off campus and not on school time, but has created dangerous situations.

Thankful this Thanksgiving for wonderful Northgate parent volunteers and community support.

Discussion by attendees after Mr. McAlister's departure expressed concern that a principal does not have authority to control capacity numbers if the District wants otherwise. Will wait until MDUSD Board minutes are available, which will hopefully clarify what class size and facility provisions Board will consider in implementing home school assignment decision.

Introductions of Attendees

Treasure's Report: Joanna Sibley for Miriam Casco (see handout Profit & Loss Budget-vs-Actual, 10/15/16)

Expenses on budget. Revenues lagging; matching funds are starting to come in, but are slightly down as more companies going online. Motions to revise budget lines will be considered in New Business.

College and Career Advisor: Andrea Herrera. Just finished open house for parents with academic counselors and College and Career center advisors. Recently hosted Q&A for applying seniors with a Northgate parent who works for the UC Admissions Office; she is willing to do additional information sessions in the future and will be a great resource. Busy now with seniors getting applications out. Will be doing another combo SAT/ACT test in the spring, as well as the PSAT10 test for Sophomores. Parent suggested that information should go out to parents letting them know that they no longer need to sign up their students to take this test as sophomores.

Winter Sports Update: Joanna Sibley for Dr. Earle Paynton, Athletic Director. Winter sports tryouts complete and season underway. Found boys tennis and lacrosse coaches, still looking for girl's lacrosse coach.

New Business:

1. October Minutes-- Motion: It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes as submitted.

2. Reflect City of Walnut Creek grant for support counselors in the PFC budget --Motion: It was moved and seconded to add an income line titled "Counselor Grant" to the 2016-17 PFC budget, and to increase the expense line for Support Counselors by \$20,000 (from \$54,500 to \$74,500) to reflect grant income from the City of Walnut Creek in our budget.

Discussion: The City has helped support our counseling program, but this contribution was not reflected in our PFC budget. Want to reflect that program's full income and expense in our PFC budget.

Passed, no opposition.

Committee Reports:

Grad Night--Grad Night is safe and sober event for all graduates the night of graduation. Planned in conjunction with 4 other high schools, with each school celebrating on their graduation night. A \$45,000 party! Committee working to plan decorations, etc. Will need at least 100 volunteers immediately before and during event, especially families without seniors since those families are busy hosting relatives. Tickets will be on sale in January.

Site Council-- Julie Stokel-- Principal reported to Council in November and presented revised SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement). Minor revisions from last year's

plan. Mr. Campopiano is working to revamp safety plans and equipment, including updating provisions for intruder alerts and evening and weekend events. Hoping PFC or other donor can help update safety supplies and backpacks (estimating about \$6,000 expense). Will put opportunity out to scout troops, etc.

Athletic Boosters-- Crab Feed Saturday, Jan 21st. Tickets on sale at \$65 each or \$600/table on Booster's website. Price goes up in December. Event is major focus of organization's fundraising and still needs volunteers. Please contact Stacie Morris to help with the event.

Vocal Music Boosters--Trish Zucker. Winter Choral Concerts December 14th and 15th. Groups sounding really good this year, so come see performances.

Instrumental Music Boosters--Karen Jenkins. Marching Band season complete and very successful, with several major competition wins for band and auxillary. Winter Concerts coming up Dec 1, 7pm for Jazz I and II, December 6, 7:30 for Wind Ensemble and Orchestra, and Dec 8, 7:30 for Concert and Symphonic Bands, all in the Little Theater. Jazz at MDUSD combined jazz event tonight and Jazz I has College of San Mateo event tomorrow.

Spring for Education

PFC's main fundraiser, with money going to benefit every Northgate student. Spring for Ed will be April 29th at Shadelands with an adult carnival theme. Silent auction and fund-a-need with sit down dinner. Join the planning committee for this fun event, next meeting Dec 13th at DeeDee Blankley's house.

PEAK--Kim Harris. MOD Pizza fundraiser Thanksgiving week. Turkey Trot still needs volunteers and runners. Whole Foods shopping day Wednesday, Dec 7th, with 5% of all sales coming back to PEAK. Buy your gift cards and other holiday supplies then. Also working on a couple of fundraisers for January.

Staff Report--Karen Jenkins. Teacher and staff morale is high. Administrative team is cohesive and ready to work with staff. Spirit days such as silly sock, western wear, and red white and blue challenges have had great response. Really enjoyed the two recent PFC staff/teacher appreciation lunches; one of only times staff really get out of rooms and socialize. WASC process moving along on schedule, with everyone involved in self-study in preparation for WASC committee visit in February. Recent happenings on campus: Departments are already meeting to discuss course offerings for next school year. Working on plan to finalize PSAT testing process. Strong response on campus to election, with opportunities for writing and discussion. Small group of students left campus in protest but were escorted back to campus for safety. Teachers had brief introduction to mindfulness exercise at staff meeting. Student-organized blood drive coming up next week. Student and alumni volunteers restored peace path in back of school as part of student's eagle scout project, in honor of deceased alumni brother.

Mock Congress coming up for all seniors on Dec 7th and 8th. Freshman book club initiated, will host movie nights on campus after literary discussion groups.

Campus Beautification: All landscaping and watering in place. Still need someone to finish one paint project. Will find date Clean-Up Day in spring.

Exec Committee Report: Julie Chesnutt. No actions taken, informational only.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

No December PFC meeting. Next Meeting: Jan 19th, 7pm in Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Chesnutt
PFC Secretary
11/30/16