

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Kate Ampleman; 7 parents + Mr. Mulvenon present

1. Spring Dance – April 13<sup>th</sup> 7 to 9 pm

- Theme – Starry Night - “Prom-type” dance
- DJ is confirmed and will be bringing/providing “finger lights” for kids
- Decorations – Need to get all things “glow” - try to find glowing stars and any other star-type decorations. No need to get more decorations than had last time. Having a lot of decorations not necessary.
- Photo booth – Mulvenon showed 2 types to build: 1) a 3-sided booth & 2) a 1-sided “screen”. The screen type was decided upon by the group. The screen will be constructed of PVC pipe by Rob Clark.  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, thick wall pipe was suggested for stability. Black fabric of some sort will be used. Rob will figure out some kind of front lighting to attach. Will set up (possibly attach) screen on the wall directly across from the cafeteria entrance doors (the one door where we will take tickets and will let kids enter and exit). The overhead lights will be remaining on in that section of the cafeteria as they were at the last dance and that will be the best place for the selfie-screen.
- Signup Genius – We will need 2 Signup Genius e-mails: 1) For ticket sales – 2 parents each - for the 3 lunches at Westridge immediately before the dance ( April 10, 11 & 12). Gretchen will be there to sell tickets each day, so one additional parent is needed. & 2) For Parent and teen volunteers the day of the dance for Set up (use teens at this time, too), During Dance (1 shift – approx 12 parents needed + additional teens), Clean up (need 6) & Dismissal (6 to 8 parents to help with traffic & pick ups). We probably need approximately 15 to 20 teen volunteers for all aspects that night. Mulvenon needs to send out a request for snack donations from teens. We will need some donation of water. We have some in the Orchestra closet left over from the last dance – approximately 52+ bottles. We need to calculate for at least 300 to give away one bottle to each MS attendee. We sold 300 tickets for the last dance. Hopefully, we will sell more this time.
- Viking Mascot – Have the mascot there for a little while at the beginning of the dance only. NOT the entire time. Mulvenon will get this coordinated.

2. Water bottle & Sweat shirt order

- Initially HS students voted to have a specific type of water bottle ordered that was approx. \$25. This seemed a little high to PRESTO board members and the discussion was tabled until this meeting.
- Discussed putting the new logo on multiple sizes/types of water bottles at different price points. If there is just one cost for the initial set up, this could be a possible option. Maija (sp?) Johnson said that her company orders a lot of logo items and she offered to look into details to get this done.
- Mulvenon has decided that the new logo will be used for next years t-shirts.
- It was decided to table the sweatshirt discussion to another meeting towards the end of this school year. That way we can be ready to order them at the beginning of the next school year with the t-shirts.

3. Scholarship Scoring Sheet

- There are questions on whether the example sent out by Kate follows the rules. She has asked members to look it over and send comments to her on possibly making it better and easier for judges to score the submissions.
- There was discussion on how difficult it is to rank the essays submitted and how much weight should be placed on Achievements vs. the Essay.
- Decision to award 4 prizes of \$500 each that are not ranked.
- Need to have approximately 10 judges made up of Freshman and Sophomore parents to make it less likely that the judges will be able to “figure out” who the applications belong to.

4. Banquet Planning

- It was decided that we would continue to have Sheridan's ice cream and cake only again this year. We will only be providing water and cups to drink to make it easier for set up and clean up.
- Kate will call Sheridan's to book the date with them. She will be confirming the dollar amount per person that Sheridan's will charge.
- It was decided that we will charge \$2 per person for the food this year instead of only asking for

donations. Asking for donations was done last year and it didn't work out well. Because we have a healthy amount in the PRESTO bank account, we will keep the amount charged low to attendees and will subsidize the difference. That way, we will hopefully have a very good turnout.

- Mulvenon said that he will work up a Google doc for the RSVP.
- It was decided that Seniors and their family will not be charged for their food.
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5. #zeroreasonswhy Campaign

- The Club was contacted by this Suicide Prevention campaign
- They are having a rally on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and would like to have parents and teens march and come to the rally. They would like to have PRESTO representation there and would like to have PRESTO help out.
- They have said that West is involved. Mulvenon will talk to the Counselor at West (Keefer?) to verify if this is true and whether this is a legitimate organization, etc.

6. Student Officer Report – no student officer was in attendance to give a report

7. Treasurer's Report

- Lisa stated that the current balance of the PRESTO account is: \$8,628.19
- 2 checks for a total of \$200 were written for reimbursement to Gretchen and Elizabeth for gift card prizes for the Collage Concert.

8. Director's Report

- The District (School?) has purchased a new \$7,000 bass to replace the one that was irreparably damaged because of the humidity issue in the cello/bass storage room.
- We had previously discussed using PRESTO funds to do construction in the cello/bass room to deal with the humidity issue that was damaging the instruments. Mulvenon reported that fixing the issue will be MUCH more expensive than the simple "fix" we had discussed. This issue is now in the School Districts hands.
- A new HVAC system is required in the entire building to alleviate MANY issues that the building is facing and a new system will cost \$5 million.
- The cellos & basses will remain in the Orchestra room for the time being.
- Every year, Mulvenon has combined the 2<sup>nd</sup> block and 9<sup>th</sup> grade orchestras for the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This year, with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra being so large, he doesn't want to do it, but HAS to because there is not enough room in the gym at the WAOF concert for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to have a separate orchestra.
- At WAOF, they will do a musical rendition of the Tell Tale Heart by Poe
- 1<sup>st</sup> Block will be going to the State Orchestra Contest and will do the piece they did at Collage – Choreography. They will also do Glosnoff's Enchanted Castle. Mulvenon loves this piece because it has 9 separate parts instead of the traditional 5. Each section is broken into 2 parts (basses are not split) to make up the 9 parts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.