

PTSA Board Meeting - October 5th, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Jamie Lewin, PTSA president at 5:50 PM. Minutes for the September meeting were approved without opposition.

Maria Mendoza was appointed to Reflections chair without any opposition. **Claire Whildmen** was appointed to the hospitality without opposition as well.

Treasurer, Sally Blumenfeld, reviewed the financial report. She reported that there is currently a large amount of money in the account due to rollover from last year. Also, because of the high demand for Book to Book products, merchandise funding was raised to \$2,500 and expected profit was raised to \$3,000. The donor system budget was increased to \$7,200 because of fees associated with Convio. There was also a motion to move the excess money from Grants to Vicci to pay for Naviance. The motion was approved without opposition.

President, Jamie Lewin, reported that we currently have around 307 members in the PTSA, but the number is constantly increasing. The goal is set at around 800 to 900 members.

Principal, Andrew Isibashi, reported that the football field is almost finished. He also commented on the emergency system. He wanted to express how pleased he was with the way Lowell handled the evacuation. A memo was released on School Loop about the gas leak, but it was clarified that it did not come from the school. Nonetheless, however, Andrew would like to utilize other means of media in order to more efficiently inform students and parents of future emergency. Such a system is still up for discussion.

Faculty, Marianella Castro, discussed the importance of implementing both Naviance and ConnetEdu for this school year so that this year's seniors will have better access to college information. The PSAT is scheduled to come up soon. The PSAT is free for sophomores but recommended for juniors. Senior class will be having a class meeting with the wellness center and attend the San Francisco College Faire.

Student rep, Michelle Chan, reported that senior boat is coming up. She also commented on Lowell's Spirit Week, saying that though students participated in decorating the hallways and attended the homecoming dance, they were still disappointed to have not been able to have the homecoming rally. She also talked about how LSA stepped in to provide Youth Vote to the entire school.

Grants were said to be due by October 7th, 2011. The Grants Committee will review and approve grants throughout November. The Grants committee will meet about twice in the year and will consist of students, parents, PTSA, and faculty.

Regarding Beautification Day, the time has been set from 9 AM until 12 PM. The Department of Public Works will be there to assist the efforts. There are plans of speaking with the gardener about clubs maintaining plots of land in exchange for recognitions or goods.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.