

Galileo Academy of Science and Technology PTSA

April 22, 2009, General Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Gayline Tom, Stella Leung, Jeanne Yee, Bruce Eng, Pat Larson, Nancy Lambert, Vicki Pesek, Amy Chow, Isabella Lee, Susie Lai, Pauline Hee, Ava Chou and Tami Aviles

1) Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions (Stella Leung)

2) Principal's Report (Vicki Pesek)

- Budget Update: ROTC issue not yet resolved. Enrollment in ROTC down so room currently assigned will be reassigned to teachers. PE Teacher funding given to district. One administrative position cut to avoid cutting teachers. Class size up. Interviews 4/24 for Peter's AP position.
- Last year, started with \$424,000 for operating cost plus gift taking it to \$600,000+; 2009-2010 will be more in the \$400,000 range.
- Some of the President's stimulus money will come to Galileo. Amount TBD.
- Vicki is not in need yet for PTSA support.
- Construction at Civic **Center** should be done for next year's graduation; students prefer to graduate in a "special" facility.
- Other schools are giving up AP prep time for AP teachers. Vicki not wanting to do that; seems like going in reverse when Gal has come so far.
- Busing is still planned for next year; legally parents must be given 12 months notice. Suggested having SFUSD work with Muni to extend eligibility for student pass till graduation date vs. age of 18. Student pass is \$10/month vs. adult pass is \$50/month.
- 630 ninth graders on the books for next year and a waiting list of 235; 65 appeals.
- School Loop parent access on the schedule for next school year.
- Athletic field approval going to board next week. Hoping for work to be done in August and take about four months. That entire block will be shut down May – September.
- Vicki expressed her appreciation to the PTSA for the great support and partnership.

3) PTSA 2009-10 Board Nomination & Election (Jeanne Yee)

- Slate of Candidates:
 - President: Stella Leung
 - VP – Gayline Tom
 - Treasurer – Tami Aviles
 - Secretary – Jeanne Yee
 - Membership – Victor Yan
 - Ed Fund Co-Chair – Pauline Hee
 - Grants Chair – Open
- Slate accepted; motion carried. Congratulations!

4) Review & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Pat Larson)

- Members reviewed minutes from the March 11, 2009 meeting. Minutes approved.
- Minutes can be found on the website www.galileoweb.org/ptsa at a later time.

5) New Business (Nancy Lambert)

- Challenge Day Fund Request
 - Ms. Lambert submitted a request for \$3,200 from PTSA. The request was supported by student testimonials. Last year was a success. To date, suspensions down significantly. Less fights/gang related activities. Counseling staff and students are looking forward to another Challenge Day. Students would be selected based on student's experience prior to Gal. Plan to have Challenge Day Nov/Dec range to give staff more time to get to know the students and yield a better selection. Request was approved.
- May 13th School Open House
 - School Loop training will be done at Open House. School Loop is in seven languages. Requested PTSA to support with parent training for School Loop.
 - Karin Lau finalizing Open House agenda.

- Freshman Orientation
 - Request for PTSA to fund food and submitted cost of \$1,750 from Student Nutrition Services. PTSA offered to research options. Motioned and accepted to fund up to \$2,000 for food/beverages.
 - Recommendation made to include parents in orientation; PTSA volunteered to host a room / open house.

6) Program / Committee Reports (Jeanne Yee)

- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon May 5th – planning under way and request for parent volunteer support.
- PTSA Enrichment Grant request from Ms. Morrison for \$1,500 to provide “Poetic Era” book. Motion to fund \$500 approved. Amy to research possible reduced costs and report back to Jeanne Yee.
- Teacher & Staff of the Year – Ms. Morrison and Jimmy Liu security guard. Ms. Morrison received a \$100 Il Fornaio restaurant gift certificate, and Mr. Liu received a Tommy **Toy’s** Signature Dinner Certificate for two.
- 2009-2010 Parents’ Workshops – potential topics reviewed:
 - Talking to your kids about Drugs and alcohol
 - Learn more about Adolescent Development (cognitive & Emotional development)
 - Talking with your kids about Sex and Dating
 - Habits of High School Youth: Sleep, Eat and Temperament
 - Talking with your Kids about body Image, Nutrition and Exercise
 - College Entrance Requirements
 - College Financial Aid

Ms. Lambert suggested adding School Loop (on line grade/progress/attendance notification system). Pat suggested adding “Parenting a Teen in the Digital Age (Facebook, Twitter. Sexting. Etc.). Information Survey will be passed out at Open House requesting parents to vote for topics of interest.
- PTSA Membership – total at 110
- Commemorative Tile Drive – 40 spaces left. Tile drive closes April 30th. Contact Bruce Eng.
- Education Fund contributions to date - \$12,457.00

7) Financial Reports & Reimbursement Requests (Stella Leung)

- \$350 for PTSA storage cabinet requested by Bruce Eng, approved.
- \$24 to Pat Larson for stamps – “Thank you” notes to Edfund contributors, approved.
- Financial Report was submitted as of April 22, 2009.

8) Announcements

- Galileo PTSA recipient of Chairman’s Club Membership Award
- CA Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition – CA State PTA 2009 Honoree

9) Other Business

- Upcoming dates:

June 8 th at Noon	Class of 2009 Graduation	AT&T Park
April 30 th	Tile Drive Closes	Web site
May 13 th	Open House	Galileo
May 14 th at 6:00 PM	Galileo Academy Alumni (GAA) meeting	Galileo Room 210
August 21 st	Freshman Orientation	Need Volunteers

Sign up by emailing Stella or Nancy
(Lambertn@galileoweb.org)

10) Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Pat Larson, Galileo PTSA Secretary