

Price HSC Meeting Minutes 1/17/18

Attendees- Jill Brigham, Veronica Pruitt, Jeff Lowery, Ron Niles, Gil Garcia, Gretchen Stephens, Heather Casale, Shayne Santos, Kevin Paskett, Tracie Stamp, Andrea Heitmann, Natali Gioco, Robert Hunt, Dan Kirwan, Joanne Grigore, Tiffany Balak, Ramesh Kushman, Veni Ayer, Jennifer Malutta

Call to order /Welcome - Meeting was called to order by Gretchen Stephens at 6:04pm – it was noted that many people are trying to get to the music performance so we will be ending the meeting by 7pm.

Minutes - Minutes from the 11/15/17 meeting were passed out to attendees. Veronica Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes, second – Kevin Paskett; Approved

Treasurer's report/CEF updates - Ron Niles –Giving Campaign is at a little over \$43K and with incoming matching we are hopeful that we will reach 90% of our goal of \$50K. This year we are focused on spending down our surplus funds. The current HSC membership wants the funds to benefit current students. Ron noted that we don't want to leave too much unspent as there is a risk that the district could ask HSC's to hand over surplus funds. Board member Randy Schofield mentioned at a recent CEF meeting that per the CEF charter "nothing prevents HSCs from giving funds to the district when appropriate". It was noted that the HSC mission is to enhance the education of our students, not to provide basic supplies. Teachers were encouraged to spend funds available for Teacher stipends. Motion to approve treasurers report – Gretchen Stephens, 2nd-Heather Casale ; Approved

Fundraising updates

EScrip/Shares/ Amazon- There is a new button on the Price website providing a link to Amazon. All purchases made using that link will earn 2-10% of the purchase for Price. The link is up and live on the Price HSC website.

Giving Campaign- Judy Cubiss- we are currently at 87% of our \$50K goal. \$5K of the total has come from matching funds. Tax receipts will be provided and sent out to those that have donated \$250 and up.

Family dinner night - Jennifer Malutta– Mendicino Farms, Lefty's and Beach Hut Deli all made over \$100. The dinner nights for the Spring are currently being booked. Jennifer is trying to get more families to participate. One idea was to have a dinner night line up with a sports team dinner. Jennifer also proposed purchasing new sign to advertise in traffic circle. A suggestion was made to use leadership students to help make posters to publicize.

*Jennifer also made a recommendation for Price to do a Goodwill fundraiser. This has been done at Bagby and raised over \$1000. It's a very easy fundraiser – A Goodwill truck comes to campus on a Saturday and the community is encouraged to bring their donations. Minimal volunteers are needed. Principal Gioco was in favor of the idea and suggested that funds go to provide more money for Teacher stipends since due to budget cuts she has very limited funds to help with classroom supplies. Jennifer will work with administration to decide on a date.

Price Updates – Principal Gioco

The District is dealing with a budget shortfall. As a result, in November school site budgets were all cut by approximately 20%. The Price budget was cut by \$120,000 (22%). Principal Gioco provided a copy of the Price Budget for HSC review. Homework center was recently ended due to the budget

cuts and Principal Gioco is working to figure out the status of other Price programs. Given funds that are already accounted for there is only \$27,000 remaining for the rest of the school year. This is enough to provide paper and essential supplies. Principal Gioco is working with teachers to work through priorities for the remainder of the year. The budget cuts were made in November after many spending decisions had already been made. Principal Gioco noted that she would have made different spending decisions if she had known the cuts were coming.

One expense that Principal Gioco would like assistance with is \$10,000 for Almaden Valley Counseling. AVC provides much needed services for students with stress and mental health needs.

- Ron made a motion to increase the budget by \$10,000 to fund Almaden Valley Counseling services. This would increase the deficit to \$40,000 and mean that our total funds at year end would be reduced from \$56,279 to \$46,279.
- 2nd - Jeff Lowrey . Motion approved.

Principal Gioco will be working through additional needs for the remainder of the year and may be back with further requests.

A question was asked about budget cuts for next year. Principal Gioco said that District wide cuts are expected since enrollment is down. Price enrollment is expected to decrease from 1030 to 975. This year was particularly difficult since cuts were made mid year. If budget is decreased next year she will be able to plan accordingly at the beginning of the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm