



VHS PTSO Meeting  
January 11, 2011

2009-2010 Board Members: President Janet Long, Vice President Charleen Klein,  
Secretary Lee Jennings, Treasurer Debbie McKay, Hospitality Charleen Klein/Kim  
Milewsky, Membership Anne Dwyer

Board Members absent: Debbie McKay and Kim Milewsky  
Attendees; Wendy Barnes, Lela Harrison, Laurie Hu, Rebecca Jackson, Tim  
Jorgensen, Marlena Klein and Moya Mazorow.

1. Call to order at 3:32.
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Minutes for December 14, 2010

Motion to approve with corrections was made by Charleen, seconded  
by Moya, approved.

4. Principal's report

STAR testing will be in May for 9-10 & 11th grades. Dr. Woodard will provide motivational tools for testing. He and Tim Jorgenson will conduct CST chats in every class room to inform student about motivational tools. Dr. Woodard has set a goal of 800 for test scores this year. If the students go up a level in their testing from last year or maintain at the advanced level, they will go up one letter grade. Example, if they receive a "B" on their transcripts in June and they go up a level in testing, in August their transcript will be revised to an "A".

There will be motivational tools for the staff as well. Community Awareness and Pride, challenged staff to come up with a slogan for wrist bands. \$ 500 award will be given to staff member or group of staff members who come up with the best slogan.

This will be combined with No Alcohol Pledge which will require students to sign that they will not drink alcohol. Their parents will

also be required to sign a pledge that they will not allow drinking at parties or at their homes. When signing the pledge, purple and gold wrist band will be given out to those students. If the student level goes up from last year's STAR testing they can get a gold wrist band.

Dr. Woodard will put a thermometer on side of building with goals for pledges. 100% participation by students in testing all 3 days will get the students a special raffle ticket. The special drawing for STAR participation winners will be at the end of year BBQ. Dr. Woodard is going to purchase participation gifts; PTSO will donate other raffle items.

## 6. Teacher's report

Lela Harrison, Counselor – wants to start new evidence based program called Link Crew. It is currently being utilized by over 1,600 schools nationwide. This is a leadership program linking freshman to seniors and select juniors as mentors. Lancaster High School uses it very successfully. Helps with keeping kids in school. Mentors make both social and leadership connections each month. Mentor/Leader has up to 10 kids. They also go to dances. The program is designed to have students from all areas of campus who exhibit good leadership as well as other skills. Criteria to become a Leader, is not strictly based on GPA. Dr Woodard will send Ms. Harrison to San Jose for a three day training session. They will ask for support and help from PTSO in training students to become Leaders. Dr. Woodard suggested having one parent as the Liaison from PTSO who would coordinate with the parents and Ms. Harrison. The training school provides all the training tools. Maybe we could have a fund raiser for tee shirts, not sure if freshman or Leaders get tee shirts. March or April, Ms. Harrison would start to recruit for Leaders from juniors and sophomores to begin training sometime in August here at the school. Leaders invite their group of freshman to Freshman Orientation. Have a spirit package, which could include, but not be limited to, bumper stickers, promotion information regarding Link Crew, college info, athletic info, etc. Ms. Harrison will inquire if she can bring the Liaison as a note taker for free to the training. She will put out criteria for the Liaison volunteer position. She also suggested having a Freshman Dance with Leaders at the beginning of the year to break the ice. TUPE funding money, Title IV

or grants may be available, will know more in March when she goes to the training.

April 22nd will be the 4.0 Dinner for students throughout the Antelope Valley. Right now we have 10% of seniors eligible. The Dinner will be held at the AV Fairgrounds. Ms. Harrison will have a list out next month of eligible students and wanted to know if the PTSO would like to do something for them as well.

Wendy Barnes – STAR testing in May, Dr. Woodard wanted to know if PTSO can provide snacks each day, breakfast food, granola bars, water, chocolate, etc. all 3 days. Food must be provided prior to the testing outside of the testing room. PTSO also provides a snack as they are leaving. Two hour exam, snack break, then they go back for another 2 hours.

Carnival game booths need to be picked up from Kim Milewsky's home and stored somewhere. Kim could also use a pickup of unwanted lumber, maybe the ASB can handle. Use a flatbed trailer to haul lumber; cost will be approximately \$36 per load. Ms. Barnes will cover cost of dump.

PTSO is being asked to help out along with the other three Booster Clubs to decorate MPR at High Desert for this year's Antelope Valley Superintendents Dinner. Ms. Barnes will provide the food and drink. Food and drink costs come out of AVSBA budget, not PTSO funds. Ms. Barnes wanted parent volunteers for Prom Committee meetings. Suggestion that they post request on web site.

May 14th will be the date for the Prom and the location is on a boat. Email Ms. Barnes if willing to help.

Charleen suggested that junior parents must help out with the graduation, make it mandatory. Mrs. Barnett is the advisor for Graduation.

Thursday at lunch, Ms. Barnes will be meeting with Magic Mountain for grad night for next year. This year Disney Land is contracted to handle the Grad Night. A lot of high schools have their Grad Night at their schools with activities all night, but the cost is expensive. Cost for Disneyland is \$95, which includes transportation.

Ms. Barnes thanked everyone for the goodies last Thursday.

Senior breakfast will be the day before graduation.

Seniors want to do a Mr. Vasquez in February Janet Long suggested combining with some sort of raffle for PTSO to raise funds.

7. Student's report

none

8. President's report

PTSO website is in process.

9. Treasurer's report

Deferred to next month.

10. Membership report

Principals on the Roof - High Desert will have a spaghetti dinner, movie and sleep over for Principals. Janet will speak to Kim Clemons.

11. New Business

Election of new treasurer – table to next month

Adopt a Department – too late in the year.

Charleen Klein - February 2nd McTeacher's Night. Dr. Woodard signed on, 20% to Junior Class if Principal shows up, 15% if not.

Mid Winter's Night Masquerade Ball January 29th at Meadowlark, 6-10 p.m. Advisors and teachers will chaperone. Appetizers would be welcome for donation. Sixteen kids on the Court, all classes have participation. Girls are getting tiaras; boys are getting medals with logos. Awards Trophies and Treasures will create medal that will have our emblem that can be used on trophies and a number of other items for athletics. Suggestions of using a perpetual crown for both King and Queen and give a memento after event.

Student of the month will start next month for next semester. Sadie Hawkins Dance March 19th sponsored by Junior Class. Trying to get a tent donated and have it at Vasquez. \$10 for tickets.

Moya Mazorow – Academic decathlon starts Jan 30 and again on February 6th.

12. Old Business

M&M night date must be changed due to conflicts.

Insurance (line item), paid for already

Mr. Nichols request for G-Raids

Action Item:

Janet will form library committee after hire of VHS Welcome Center/Library staff. Up and ready. Computers have internet access. Charleen put ad in CJ for non-fiction titles, research books and computer software. Computer monitors were ordered by Dr. Woodard. Still looking for volunteers to help out. Justin Hillemann is the new Librarian and EL Director.

Charleen will provide coffee cups and plates for teachers lounge area.

Moya will check at her home for cups and plates.

Lee to print Mid-Winter tickets by January 22nd. Charleen to provide information.

11. Open floor

Charleen – if teachers want to go to conferences, will PTSO pay? PTSO general funds do not permit at this time. This would have to be looked at carefully to ensure fairness and justification of expense. Supplementary funds were sometimes provided in the past.

Site Council up and running. Next meeting will be in early February. They put together their goals and that drives the grants. Survey to parents asking what their goals are and then Site Council reacts to surveys.

WASC (accreditation) will be coming next year.

12. Next regular meeting date is February 8, 2010

13. Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lee Jennings, Secretary