

Galileo Academy of Science & Technology PTSA March 10, 2010
General Meeting minutes

Attendees: see attached Sign in sheet

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Jan. 10th meeting minutes: Jeanne went over the Jan. 10 meeting minutes. (see attached). Motion was made and minutes were approved. Jeanne also reported that the 2010 Class Carpenters Concert raised \$3,046.
3. Principal's Report: Vicki reported that at the last SSC meeting, there would be an \$800,000 cut from our budget. Of the 16 positions, some retiring teachers' positions will not be filled, teachers/staff leaving for various reasons may not be filled, Vicki will be looking for other funding sources. There are 2 positions that need funding and will be discussed at a March 25 special SSC meeting. Sandra Fewer is helping Galileo to look into getting more funding for the Fall. About 30 students coming into Gal. from Newcomer High in the fall, Gal. will get \$7,500/student. Graduation this year will be at Civic Center Auditorium. Fall programs are in tact. Class sizes may range from 30-35 students. Other clerical positions are being looked to see whether more funds could be saved from perhaps eliminating these positions. Mission and Balboa will hold summer school for Special Education students. Galileo will be hold summer school for students who need classes to graduate and these students will graduate in the summer.
4. WASC Accreditation – Zoe Duskin introduced the WASC Accreditation process. Every 6 years public and private schools are evaluated to see if the school's goal meet up with the demands of the 21st century for Supporting Student Achievement. (See Attached Overview). Parents were then broken into small groups to discuss Galileo Academy School goals (See attached list) and to discuss and rank which goals are more important and to write down goals that were not listed. Zoe collected the input from each group and will include them in the WASC report.

5. Program Report: Jeanne reported that there were no new Education Enrichment grants submitted since the last meeting.
6. Financial Reports & Reimbursement Requests: Tami reported: Deposit YTD: \$8,358. Expenses YTD: \$8,816. Bank Balance \$4,777. Savings CD: \$60,854. Tech Grant:: \$16,998 (PTSA holding for teachers). Tech Grant disbursements YTD: \$1,328. Expenses Approved for reimbursement: Joseph Taylor \$136.71 Grant award. Paul Matsumoto \$337.93 Grant Award. Bai Zhen \$151.98 College Workshop. Ben Chun \$728.29 Tech Grant.
7. Announcements: Stella announced Next PTSA meeting is April 21, when elections will be held. Parents interested in being an officer to please fill out yellow form or email Stella or Jeanne for more information.

Jeanne passed out the volunteer sign in sheet again for parents who would like to help out in the 6th Annual Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 4 in the cafeteria.

8. Dinner and Parent Workshop by Erica Monasterio, Clinical Professor at UCSF on “Helping your teen meet the challenges: Understanding Adolescent development, Knowing When to get help, and Accessing Resources for Support.” The Wellness center counselors were also there to talk about the Wellness Center support services.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Minutes by Jeanne Yee
PTSA secretary