

RHSA PARTS MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Tues., January 19, 2016	Location:	RHSA Emphasis Gallery
Called to Order:	Karyn McNabb, President	Time:	6:30 – 7:40 pm
In Attendance:	Board: 5 Members at Large: 2 Members: 5 Faculty: 2	Approved:	

In attendance: Jackie Hahn, Carolyn Pate, Leslie Gilpin, Tom Kearney, Mignon Richardson, Carole Hernandez, Katherine Kearney, Geoff Smith, Goretta Morales, Mary Barber, Brian Barber, Quentin Brown, Parisa Foroutan

- 1) Welcome** - Handouts acknowledged and thanks conveyed to leaders Kim (cheesecake sales), Carolyn (Dance Show), and volunteers.

VOTE: Tom moved and Carole seconded approval of the November 2015 minutes as posted on the PARTS website. Motion passed.

2) Guest Speakers –

Mr. Brown stated that CAHSEE is no longer a graduation requirement. He discussed FAFSA Night, Feb. 16th from 5 – 7:30 p.m. on campus in Computer Labs 701-702. All senior students and parents are welcome to apply online for federal financial aid. Four to five CSULB counselors will assist.

Mr. Brown shared that district SAT Prep attendee requirements are to have 100+ credits and be on track for A-G and graduation. Renaissance has 20 students enrolled, down 10 from last year. He asked for suggestions to get higher attendance next year. Those were to offer multiple sessions, with later start-times.

On behalf of Ms. Kovach, Mr. Brown provided hand-outs and presented Small Learning Community (SLC) information. SLC for Renaissance is AME-Arts, Media and Entertainment. Faculty is addressing “linked learning” (which combines college-focused academics, work-based learning, and intensive student supports) and 7 “essential elements” to be certified as an SLC by 2018. Renaissance has 3 immediate goals: develop an integrated project that aligns with the pathway theme, provide opportunities for structured collaboration, and develop an Advisory Board with representatives from business, industry, education, and pathway leads. The Advisory Board will determine what is needed at the school and in the curriculum to get students career-ready.

Also, within 30 days, there will be a meeting regarding the move to the Butler campus on PCH and Orange if parents and students are interested in attending.

Ms. Foroutan requested \$600 for transportation to Knott’s Physics Day for 54 students. Karyn encouraged the students to also fundraise and she will provide information on the donation of decals for students to sell. Karyn advised that teachers and ASB should now be responsible for their own fundraising with PARTS assistance. Topic more thoroughly addressed in item 6.

- 3) Treasurer’s Report –** Jackie presented the report for November and December, showing a beginning balance of \$7379.91. She reviewed disbursements and outstanding commitments that leave a balance of \$6912.64. A couple scholarships remain unpaid due to lack of proper information submitted by students.

VOTE: Carolyn motioned to approve the report, seconded by Leslie. The motion passed.

- 4) College Prep** – Mignon presented scholarship tips (PARTS website has additional information)
- Never stop looking for scholarships until student graduates. Schedule time to look once every month. Student can qualify for different scholarships as time passes due to increased GPA, academic level in school such as a senior, or simply because a new scholarship is offered.
 - Most reputable website for searching is www.FASTWEB.com.
 - Most colleges offer new students scholarships but don't always advertise it, so always ask.
 - If a scholarship is titled with an ethnic group's name, read the requirements. You'll often find that you do not need to be that ethnicity to apply.
 - Most employers offer tuition reimbursement, not only for the employee but for immediate family.
- 5) **Old Business** – Tom presented Talent Show status. Auditions are tomorrow at 2:50 p.m. and judges are Kathryn, Tom, Karyn and Mary. Thursday is Tom, Carol, Tricia and Jackie. May still need backstage help. Tom talked to Ms. Pink about student art submittals to silent auction. Tickets will be \$2 for students, \$5 for adults. Physics Club can sell snacks to raise money for the Knott's bus and those unable to pay the \$28 entry fee.
- 6) **New Business** - Board has reduced 2nd semester activities (see Activity Schedule handout or website). Not enough parent participation to share planning, execution, or succession. Planned financial disbursements were previously approved on Treasurer's projected budget. Limited participation prompts Board to refocus 2016-17 organization to primarily a Senior Scholarship Committee. Available funds should cover 2016 and 2017 scholarships. Committee to determine other school support, such as guiding student-run fundraising activities or helping ASB. PARTS 2016 Spring See's Candy fundraiser to be handled by Jazz Vocalists (with guidance from Jackie) for their trip to the April Jazz Festival.

ACTION: Bylaws to be amended by the current Board to reflect the change in organization structure, leadership, and responsibility. No board elections currently planned for April.

7) Announcements

- a) See meeting minutes and financial reports on website
- b) Next meeting Tuesday, February 16

Minutes submitted by Mignon Richardson