

PSTO Minutes from April 14, 2009

President JoAnn Miller called the meeting to order.

Administrative Report: Jerry Arganbright

- States his position on changing start time for high school to accommodate bus schedule is earlier vs later. A major factor is the amount of time students miss class for extracurricular events after school. Another factor is the number of students who come to school as early as 7:30 who would need to be monitored for a longer period before school starts. He has shared his views with the school board and welcomes input from parents.
- May 13 is the senior recognition program. May 22 is graduation at 7:30 pm. The Wickham Scholarship Recognition Reception is Thursday, April 16.
- Discussed staffing for next year and does not think there will be a reduction of staff. A loss of positions in science will not be filled. There is a need for hiring for Spanish position. There may be an increase in some class sizes.
- Administration is collaborating with teachers to work on solutions to budget constraints and staffing needs.
- A task force has been formed to look at options for high school boundaries

Faculty: No report

Student Senate Representative: No report

Treasurer: No report

Secretary: Becky Leaven

- Minutes from March approved.

Vice President: No report

Directory: No report

Staff Appreciation: No report

Hospitality: No report.

DPO: Helene Donta

- March meeting was presented by the director of the Safe Routes to School Program.
- Dr Plugge reported on the budget and need to reduce spending. Discussed changing the bus schedule and bell options.
- Discussed committee for looking at high school boundaries.

Fine Arts: Pam Bourjaily

- Report was shared.

Landscaping: JoAnn Miller

- Dr Arganbright reported lighting project was approved for front of building. Front entrance improvements have been drawn up. Will be bidding on back parking lot lighting.

Club West: No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: No report.

New business: JoAnn Miller:

- David Redlawsk is looking for participants for UI study of election campaigns.david-redlawsk@uiowa.edu
- Thursday April 16 a bench will be installed in the memory of Tanya Nicholson.

Program: Featured student organization

- Mrs Nigg and members of Robotics Club, JoAnna Kao and Tyler Dawson shared information about the club. The West Robotics club received a \$6,000 grant from NASA in November which has helped cover traveling costs for the club. Rockwell Collins has also supported the club. There are 25 members with 4 or 5 mentors. There was a demonstration of the robot that has been entered into competitions.

Old Business: JoAnn Miller

- Still looking for PSTO secretary and vice president for next year.
- The Talking to Teens About Sex program was successful and well attended. Will consider repeating next year.
- Collecting wish list for teachers. Budget for this is \$5,300.

Meeting was adjourned. Attendees: JoAnn Miller, Helene Donta, Pam Bourjaily, Becky Leaven, Jerry Arganbright, Molly Abraham, Abby Abiose, Lydia Peller, Amy Nicholson, Barb DeGroot, Dnae Kinzie

Respectfully submitted, Becky Leaven