**PHS Board Meeting January 17, 2020**

Attendees: Mary Alice McNeil, Laura Katter, Susan Johnson Ormond, Nicole Taylor, Rieko Haggerty, Gina Lambright, Jenna Cadwill, Sarah Pearson, Stacey Hunt, Arabella Strovinlle, Lillis Stern, Noelle Tsukahara, Carol Menz, Nicki Gilbert, Adam Littlefield, Avery Kokka, Melanie Marcus, Linda Smith Munyan, Tiffany Young, Allison Elverkrog

Called to order at 9:15 am

Motion to approve minutes by Linda Smith second by Tiffany Young Minutes approved.

Reiko- SCRIP- Thanks to everyone for the help with staff holiday gifts. Collected $11,200. Please use SCRIP and get 2.5% from Amazon, 20% from See’s candy, 8% from Peet’s, 7% from Starbuck’s and 5% from Noah’s. Can get others. Look into running something in bulletin to remind parents about SCRIP and how it works. Also requesting PC folks use for their needs (esp hospitality).

Avery Kokka- Student rep for site council-It is a collaboration from parents, students and administration. The focus on student achievement, student/teacher stress, homework load, mental health and wellness and community building. Students have been sharing experiences. They feel that there should be consistency across the board with classes, teaching and grading. Having things like the chili cookoff for students and teachers to bond more. Looking into too much emphasis on AP class and super competitive environment of taking AP classes. There was a Board workshop about these items, and updates about it will be on the February PC meeting agenda.

Nikki- Giving Campaign-$3.2 million raised. 68% participation because of a great team effort. Junior PHS Class had the highest participation and there will be a party for parents only on Telegraph Ave next Tuesday night.

Sarah- Fund Education Now! Week on February 3-7. Statewide. Initiative on ballot to take away Prop 13 from large corporations could bring in about $12 billion with 40% to school. It is gaining support. A rally on Thursday Feb 6 at 3:30 for education week with Buffy Wickes and Nancy Skinner at the school about how to fix the state education system that is broken.

Laura Katter- Board Votes-

A new staff/ teacher appreciation role that is separate from hospitality. Lillis motion and second by Melanie. Motion passed.

A community event that will have a special committee this year only that is appointed by Laura and approved by board this year to chair/host a community Parent Event on 4/5; PHS staff invited at no charge. Mary Alice motion and second by Melanie. Motion passed.

Mindfulness Grant- Jennifer Rinna Hidlreth, received a grant from parent club for $1500. She went to a training specifically for educators about Breathe for Change and yoga. Started with Home Base students on Friday; now also It is Tuesday from 8:10-9 am with about 2 students right now. Hoping to promote it more through social media and counselor and wellness center, as well as teams. She does go into the social/psy and talk about mindfulness, yoga and stress reduction.

Carol, Amy Jo and Cheryl -District Board Policy- Sexually Transmitted Infections and Pregnancy Prevention- There is background information and the policy on the PUSD website as the policy is being presented to the Board on 1/22 (first read). It will be about condom distribution and student health. There is definitely an increase of STI which is at an all time high with High School students. Abstinence is taught as the best and safest way to prevent infections and pregnancy. Survey results show that by senior year, 45% of students at PHS are choosing to be active, but many are not using STI protection. Students have been asking for this policy and many peer schools have had policies like this in effect for many years. Per CA law, at the age of 12 kids can consent to be treated for STI and pregnancy without parental consent. Students will be able to come to the wellness to learn about condoms and get information, but don’t have to participate in anything specific in order to get them.

PC Reports-

Nominating Committee – Melanie and Linda are getting the committee together.

Senior (2021) Planning meeting at Susan Ormond house on January 27th 10 am.

PHS Community Event is April 5th

Junior Parent and Student Counseling Night January 22nd.

Hospitality luncheon for teachers/staff February 12th.

DBFL moving next to Piedmont Grocery and it opens in March.

Adam-PHS Admin Report- staff meeting looking at ways to identify students to make connections with them and look at the gaps of students not connecting with them and how to connect with them. December 9th special board workshop about homework, grading, student health where created small groups to hear everyone and their concerns. Working on essential learning outcomes by departments to have the same experience in each subject with grading and teaching. Lawn chair activity where teachers are in the quad for lunch and try to connect with students. Starting a Black Student Union Club. Winter Ball is February 29th at Richmond Country Club. The teachers are starting to pack for the move and it is stressful. Hoping to have students and parents volunteer to help with packing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am