

**Terra Nova High School
Minutes of the PTO Meeting of March 27, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Beckie Patane, President.

The evening's agenda was approved by the board after deletion of Mini Grants (no update) and addition of Wood Shop staff presentation.

Minutes from last meeting 2/27/18 were approved.

Staff Presentations: World Language and Visual Performing Arts

World Language: J. Reafleng

- Taught at Oceana for 2 years, this is first year at Terra Nova; 14 years as special education teacher prior to that; studied abroad in Spain and Mexico but not a native Spanish speaker
- Teaches French and Spanish with emphasis on speaking and writing with controlled grammar to minimize students being overwhelmed
- Spanish 3 is combined class with Spanish 4
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Visual and Performing Arts: Scot Schneider

- Arts gallery with visual arts and film on display, including ceramics
- Band program doing great at competitions under Mr. Lewsadder's leadership
- Drama is becoming a vocational class with addition of more practice of workplace skills; theater tech also vocational class
- Guys and Dolls musical will be performed 2 weekends 4/26-5/6 on Fri, Sat, and Sun
- Great student group with many long time students developing into great singers/performers
- Impressive performance by student (Getty) of "Luck Be a Lady Tonight" from Guys and Dolls show
- May 17 film festival at TN of films made by students

Career Technical Education: Paul Spinetti

- Teaches Wood Shop 1, 2, 3 and works with drama dept on set creation
- Worked in trade for 30 years (movie industry with Star Wars) and has been at TN since 2005; working on getting CTE at UC Berkeley now
- Has done car show at TN for 12 years; proceeds help fund wood shop
- Classes are large since it's a CTE class- about 150 students in program
- Most students do 6-7 projects and many stay late and do a lot of work; some start class without even basic skills of using a screwdriver; first project is piggy bank which uses all the tools; try to do smaller projects that take 3-4 weeks to keep students interested
- Work on wood turning, artistic projects, functional pieces (some have made snowboards and skateboards)
- 2 new lathes funded from car show

- Discussed price of wood being high and PTO offered option of mini grants but he said he's frugal and doing ok
- Great program for students who aren't college bound

Grad Night: Heather Campagna

- Mailers just went out; meeting next Tuesday
- Need 100 volunteers for it to work
- Vendors are on stand by
- Many responses from surveys: some helpful (and some not helpful) suggestions; some requested bouncy house but may be too much of a safety risk; some wanted video game vans but goal is for increased interaction so likely won't do these
- Grad Night is 5/30 9pm-2am
- Starting planning is so stressful to be sure enough will sign up and trying to ensure enough security; custodians need to be paid overtime
- Need volunteers to keep people out after doors close and to check bathrooms
- School will loan radios for use since cell service is poor

Budget Update: Heather Campagna

- Just over \$89,000 in account

Membership: Lynn Anderson

- Two corporate matches for donations from Chevron and Gap (\$600 total)
- 50+ people have donated

Teacher Appreciation: Page Lie

- 1st week of May (5/7-5/11) will be staff appreciation week with event each day the week and gifts of cup, lunch bag, key chain with flashlight; will be looking for bakers, bagged salads, crock pots of soup, sliced sourdough bread; will be collecting (and screening) thank yous from students

Principal's Report and Open Forum: Megan Carey

- Dates: musical reminder, film fest 5/17, senior awards 5/10, dance show from classes will be in May, car show May 19
- Talent show went well with great group of students performing
- Girls soccer took 2nd place in CCS
- Marlene placed 4th in the state for wrestling
- Venus received basketball scholarship from Pacific Union- full ride (half academic and half sport)
- 3/14 solidarity event for gun issues went well: student organized with staff support and coordination; 17 min together (not silent whole time) with speakers and traffic blocked by Pacifica PD for safety; message of coming together as a community
- Developing a school safety committee
- Active shooter training with staff last week
- SBAC testing this week, math testing next week
- Drama and theater tech will be CTE now

- Journalism still CTE with some modifications
- Three TN students organized Pacifica March for gun issues and was in Sunday New York Times; students posted on Nextdoor and received by positive and negative responses
- JUHSD bond measure J for educator housing for 80 units will be on June ballot; hoping to do 50% market rate
- Discussion of some cars/trucks driving on TN basketball courts: students have been identified and spoken to with consequences and threats of additional consequences

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24. Next meeting will be held on April 24, 2018.