

Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High
PTSA General Meeting
Wednesday, February 16th, 2011
everychild one voice

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Liz Rockowitz- President

Liz Rockowitz welcomed parents and administrators present. She thanked parents from the middle school who came to the meeting. Liz went over the agenda and explained the visiting parents from middle schools the function of PTSA. The Board introduced themselves.

Minutes – Milly Delgado

Approved as presented

Treasurer’s Report – Jean Smoler

Liz presented the monthly financial report for Jean who is going to be late. Liz reported that PTSA received a donation from Clara Popel from her Gallery exhibition of \$2200. Valentine Day raised \$1500. Without questions the report was filed as presented.

Reports from the Board

Advocacy – Joanne Labaton

Joanne reported on the Pre-Rally to Tally, legislators talk about the budget. It was emphasized the important of bringing the financial issue to the community. Joanne suggested that when parents approach legislator they need to make it personal, explain how students are directly affected. “Rally to Tally” is in March.

Dr. Welker – Report

Dr. Welker welcomed parents; stressed the importance of articulation, preparation and planning. The superintendent explained in detail the deficit in the school system; it will be 212 Million dollars. Our school has been good at budgeting and keeping the integrity of academic programs.

Dr. Welker emphasized the role of PTSA in supporting the school. Dr. Welker mentioned that areas most affected will be maintenance and custodial. The remaining dollars are used for education. We offered over 22 AP courses. From this we receive 250K

Dr. Welker strongly suggested that all parents contact their representatives and let them know that they support public education.

Enrollment and Registration – Dr. Welker described the process and clarified that the information will be available online. He highlighted what courses students will take next year. PE, SS, EN, FLang, Science, math.

Computer Based Testing – this year we start with online testing in some subjects. Current 9th grades will take the end-of-the-year algebra, FCAT retakes will be online.

Virtual Education – all current 9th graders are required to take at least one course in their high school years. A question was asked about what happens with students who are eligible for extra time during testing; conditions will be equivalent to paper exams.

Extra Curricular Activities and Sports – mentioned to parents all that it is available to students while in school and after school. He emphasized the importance of student involvement.

West Campus – services 12th graders with special programs.

Gifted Program for 9th Graders – It is pending for next year. Funding is not available yet. The school will provide some form as much as possible pending funding.

Difference between Honors and Gifted – techniques and strategies used. This is different than Honors or AP. The last two are related to the rigor of the course.

Retakes online – recommended to work with the counselor.

Process for registration – Explained the articulation process. All feeder schools into Krop are visited public or private.

Ms. Russell – Student Activity Director

Unusual at Krop we have a unique population of students; most diverse population. Kids get to interact with everyone.

Students have the opportunity to get involved . The website has a list of all clubs.

Coming up:

School Clean-up: Feb 22 Any child in the school can participate. Every month a section of the school is taking of. Community service hours are received for participating in the clean-up.

Weekly Calendar is published and online.

Community Service

Projects are necessary; recommended to have at least 75 hours.

Involvement for Next Year

Liz explained the need for new volunteers. Mentioned the next meeting in March where new parents are needed. She explained about all the opportunities. March 9th

Membership – Anny Vainstein

Anny reported that as of today we have 739 memberships; 120 teachers and administrators.

Teacher Grants

PTSA awarded 12,000 in teacher grants.

New Business

Mr. Katz encourage parents especially fathers to continue coming to meetings.

Sharon clarified to parents the role that Mr. Rody, our CAP advisor and the importance of community service towards graduation and state scholarship awards.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Milly Delgado