
Call to order -- Grace Becker
Grace Becker called the meeting to order at 7:32PM. Taping the meeting was approved.
Rowie Pangilinan reported on All Night Grad Party; 373 students are attending.

Student Government Association President’s report – Joey Valery
Joey reported that J-day was a success, and that SGA is already moving to start planning homecoming. SGA is taking applications for the advisory committee for SGA. The four officers read the applications and select the members.

Grace thanked Joey for helping to ensure that students taking post-AP courses were receiving the appropriate weighting for the classes, helping with Pi Day and various other PTSA activities.

President’s report – Grace Becker
May 2014 minutes were approved.
Michele Gonzalez moved to approve the bylaws, which were approved unanimously as presented.
The slate of officers for 2014-2015 was presented, and elected unanimously!

Principal’s report – Dr. Evan Glazer
Dr. Glazer reported on tjSTAR. He mentioned that a CIA robotics group has been here for every tjSTAR.

Dr. Ballard’s talk at tjSTAR said we have more information about planetary systems than we do about our own planet.

Dr. Glazer said that voting is currently taking place on One Question; there are five finalists. This year, we are not doing a One Book summer reading; in the past, not all students had read the book, which made it difficult for teachers to engage them in conversations. We are creating three days throughout the year when there will be 8th period activities to explore the One Question. The library will recommend books, and students can participate in book clubs around that.
There are summer assignments. There will be a KIT to tell students what assignments – typically reading – will be required prior to the start of the school year.

Some students are asking to take a second summer school class. Normally, we suggest that students take no more than one class. We’re making an exception for the self-paced Economics and Personal Finance class

Q&A with Dr. Glazer
Q: Every day it seems as though there’s another tragedy at another school. What are you doing to prevent that here?
A: We recognize that violence can occur in schools. Administrators and school resource officers go through routine training on dealing with emergencies.

Q: Plan for weather emergencies?
A: We have a “Kansas plan” for wind speeds over 40 mph. We also have a plan for when the air conditioning fails.

Q: What about a tornado watch or warning? What happens to students in the trailers?
A: We’d bring them into the building.

Grace Becker updated attendees on the PTSA planner project. The planners will be customized for TJ students with math formulas, Student Services documents, etc. The cover was drawn by Abby Peterson.

Grace Becker offered a series of thank yous to TJ administrators, teachers, and parents who had been active in the PTSA this year. She also showed a video highlighting PTSA activities: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zd3QjBJliaE

Faculty Allocations Committee – Jeff Steele
Jeff Steele reviewed the committee’s unanimous support for three proposals from teachers for books and a professional society membership, totaling approximately $1300. The committee also voted to support a special request for $2800 from the band director, Mr. Foreman, to pay for a bus for the wind ensemble to perform at the Virginia Music Educators conference. This opportunity to perform is only offered to “outstanding performance groups.” The Band Boosters budget had already been approved, and the boosters were having some difficulty with revenue, which is why they turned to the Faculty Allocations Committee.

Jeff Steele pointed out that the committee has been limited in what it can fund because of FCPS restrictions on funding teacher development. The expenditures were approved unanimously.

Homework expectations committee parent group – Robin Hatanpää
Robin Hatanpää reported that several recommendations are going forward to the school leadership group for its consideration. One was a ban on homework over breaks. Another was no Blackboard homework postings after the school day ends. She pointed out that the committee also wants to advocate on behalf of the teachers with respect to giving them sufficient lead time to write recommendations.

Natalie Goldring moved adjournment; Robin Hatanpää seconded.