

Community Partnerships Academy
Parent Council Meeting Minutes-7-9PM, College and Career Center @BHS
March 14th, 2006

- 1) Meeting Roles assigned: recorder-Julie kail, process observer- Ms Chen
- 2) Updates on what we have done:
 - A) Advanced Biology Project- Mr. Diab in attendance discussed the ongoing problem that he is having in particular with his 4th period Advanced Biology class; the two main problems are tardiness and students not having binders and/or their packets. Tardy's are higher for his 4th period class due to it being directly after lunch. The major problem is the absence of class binders, in this class @ 50% of the students do not have binders. Missing binders means missing grade sheets and packets. If students have an organized binder and turn in their packets it could increase their grade to a "C." Currently the new things in place are a Log Sheet which is stamped when homework is completed and a call home system to those students missing binders or packets. A CPA survey for 10th grade Adv. Biology is in the works.
 - B) Mixer held in December was successful.
 - C) College info session was successful and those students who attended received credit from Ms Chen.
 - D) Newsletter- monthly newsletter being sent out via the mail is the best way to reach more households and will be growing to 2 pgs next month.
 - E) Parent Fundraising- Chris and committee, a letter went out to all parents asking for donations to CPA, as of 02/28/06 @ \$1,622. has been collected. Goal is to try to get more people to give a little instead of few people giving a lot.
 - F) Automatic Phone Calling- is in place and successful for those who have the correct #.
 - G) Website- the CPA website is being used more and more with most hits occurring on Monday and for Mr. Dopman's class.
 - H) Recruitment talks- group went to both Longfellow and Willard and gave out basic info as to what is CPA? It is not allowed by the PTSA to go to King.
- 3) What do we want to do next?

Several suggestions were discussed with a decision being made to concentrate on two- Student Presentations to be done in June, make it bigger than last year with more space, Mary will be in contact with Deborah to see about having the Community Building Group organize these and publicity possibly, and Internship search-need to find more intern sites. Suggestions of having the school connect with local media to get an internship story out there.
- 4) Guest visitor- Gregory – is a new coach with BAYCES,(Bay Area Coalition of Equitable Schools) as well as the co-principle at Leadership High in SF and will hopefully be working with CPA 2 days per week thru the end of the school year to prepare goals, what support we might need etc.
- 5) Wrap Up-

Next meeting to be held April 20th from 7-9PM
Process observations- per Ms Chen there was 100% participation.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM

