

Community Partnership Academy
Monthly Parent Meeting
January 19, 2006

Rich Hemophile opened the January CPA Parent Meeting with a circle of introductions after warmly welcoming all new participants. The meeting agenda addressed parent concerns regarding first semester finals and the high school exit exam. Details about those discussions and committee updates are outlined below.

Fund-raising: Flora Russ reported that Annie Johnston secured a \$12,000 grant from State Farm Insurance. The money is slated for the Freshman and Sophomore class Service Learning program. Service Learning is a UC Berkeley outreach effort to assist teachers and students. Look for the story and photo in the Daily News newspaper.

Communications: Rich reported that the CPA Web site is experiencing on average 120 hits/night, although efforts to reach families who do not have internet access continue. Discussions also included the use of an auto-dialer to contact families. Phone messages targeting CPA families specifically would be designed and distributed via this automatic e-tree.

Action: Agatha Greeley to make the necessary inquiries to implement auto-dialing access.

Action: Mary McDonald to design a form to obtain family contact information from students. Forms to be distributed and collected by second period teachers.

Action: Janet Voorhees to write the monthly CPA newsletter and the Parent Council meeting minutes for the CPA Web site.

Leadership Council: Mary McDonald defined the council's Achievement Goal which is to seek a 10% grade improvement when averaging all CPA students. Of key note is the effort to improve Advanced Biology results especially where students lack completed homework packets.

Finals: Exams are scheduled beginning Wednesday, January 25th. Bagels and juice will be provided for students during break. Mary McDonald to recruit parent volunteers.

Exit Exams: English and Math exams are scheduled for February 7th and 8th, respectively. The start time is 7:30 A.M.. Ms. Chen and Mr. Dopman to familiarize students with the test format by administering sample tests. Parents are advised to send their students with an energy snack and drink on test days.

College Admissions Workshop: Ilene Abrams, BHS College Councilor, and Mario Rivas of Vista College have agreed to lead this important preparatory event in February. In an effort to help parents create a meaningful profile of their student, Flora will have current transcripts available.

Action: Rich to contact Ilene to discuss the workshop agenda.

CPA Mission Statement: Rich distributed a draft CPA Parent Expectations document. Suggestions and edits were duly noted. Flora also introduced plans for a new CPA school brochure.