

**CP Academy Parent Council Meeting**  
**April 19, 2007**  
**Minutes**

Rich Hemphill chaired the meeting.

**Updates**

The Leadership Council is looking at student achievement based on grades with the goal of raising the class GPA by 10% each year. Based on a sample of grades from the end of last year to the beginning of this year, that goal is not being reached but the sample period is small.

Next year, Honors Anatomy and Physiology will be added to CP Academy. A Physics class will not be added but CP Academy students can take physics through the comprehensive school. We would like to make a Computer Tech Class available through Berkeley City College during 0 or 7<sup>th</sup> period, a class that is approved by UC for elective credit, but 25 students need to sign up in order for the class to go forward.

The students in Leadership Council are planning community-building activities such as designing a hoodie to sell and planning teacher appreciation activities. They are also discussing why some students don't focus on schoolwork and are planning a focus group to learn more.

Efforts are proceeding to fund the WriterCoach connection and it looks like the funding will be available through a combination of BSEP, Berkeley High School Development Group (BHSDG), and outside grants.

Chris Byrne is now our representative at the BHSDG and she reported that a recent fundraiser at the Cheeseboard raised about \$5000.

**Other Fundraising**

We made a few changes to our existing fundraising letter and decided to send it out to CP Academy parents next week to take advantage of the fact that the BHSDG will also be soliciting funds soon and telling people in their solicitation that funds can be earmarked for specific programs.

Susannah Bell requested funds for 30 paperback copies of *The Invisible Man* for next year's AP English class and we decided to ask her to submit the request in writing, along with a budget.

**New History Teacher**

Booker Lett, the new freshman and junior History teacher who is replacing Mr. Dopman during his paternity leave, was scheduled to attend so that parents could meet him but he did not arrive.

**Student Presentation Showcase/BBQ**

We would like to host a barbecue sometime in May or June so that the seniors can present their internship projects and students in other grades can show what they have done this year. We will ask Annie Johnston and Alex Freius what dates would work for them and their seniors—dates under consideration are May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Parent Council Facilitator Needed**

Rich Hemphill has been the Parent Council Facilitator for the past three years, along with maintaining the CP Academy website, writing most of the newsletter, and other tasks. Next year his son will be a senior and he will wind down his participation. A new parent is needed to do his job. Rich will help anyone who volunteers and be around next year to support them. No one volunteered but we decided to put out the request for a volunteer in the next newsletter.

## **Parent/Teacher/Staff Volunteer Dinner**

Irma Parker is organizing the annual Parent Resource Center appreciation event for teachers, parents, and staff. This year, she will hostess a networking reception followed by a concert on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Everyone is invited but please RSVP. If anyone knows of restaurants that can donate food, contact Irma at 644-8524 or [irma\\_parker@berkeley.k12.ca.us](mailto:irma_parker@berkeley.k12.ca.us).

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30. The next meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, Participation by all who attended was excellent but people expressed disappointment that attendance is low and has dropped since the beginning of the year.