

Serra High School Foundation, Inc. General Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2010

Serra Foundation Mission Statement

Improve the future quality of life in our community through enhancing academic and athletic programs at Serra High School

Serra Foundation Website: www.serrafoundation.org

APPROVED

Present: Mike Foglia, Cara Furio, Paul Gotfredson, Janet Green, Julie Matthews, Diane Miller, Joe Schmidt, Jeff Thomas (Site Operations Specialist), Rob Wright.

Call to order: Vice President Rob Wright called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

I. Old Business

- a. **Presentation of minutes:** Minutes of the 4/17/10 Board meeting was presented by email. Rob moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Diane and was passed unanimously.
- b. **Treasurer's report:** Julie reported that our cash on hand is \$21,420.05 as shown on the Cash on Hand report distributed. A Balance Sheet and P&L report as of April 30 were distributed also. Julie was asked about the Jeffrey Pointer memorial. Jeff Thomas will speak to Jonn Pisapia about the funds for the memorial. A recap on the year's spending showed that we spent \$12,340.00 more than we took in, with a starting figure of \$28,411.36. Janet moved to approve the Treasurer's report.
- c. **Principal's report:**
 - i. Jeff reported that the STAR testing is going well. We have had great media coverage for the STAR assembly. Snacks are being delivered every day to each student taking an exam.
 - ii. The 'intervention' or 'Pt. Loma' schedule is in the works for next year. Students who need help will have time at lunch for tutoring. Lunch would be 30 min. with an extra 25 min. added on for the intervention session. Those who don't need intervention will have an extra long lunch or can attend a variety of other options. The daily school hours will be ~07:30 to 2:20. This intervention or 'Whatever It Takes' period has been very successful at Pt. Loma where the students like it. It has helped Pt. Loma increase their testing scores significantly. The stigma of needing tutoring or extra help after or before school is removed by having the help period in the middle of the day. The W.I.T. period needs to have 50% of the student population plus 1 student to count for Instructional Minutes. A parent has complained that the students will not get their mandated 63,000 instructional minutes with this schedule. For students who are not assigned to the WIT period, they will have the freedom to choose, by 6 week periods, what they will do during the extra time: AP study group, homework group, instrument practice group, etc.
 - iii. The WASC visit went extremely well. Thank you to the PTO hospitality crew for the daily fantastic spread for the inspecting team. The wrap up report was very positive; they loved the written WASC, they listed 11 Serra strengths and 5 weaknesses, they took away from Serra that the kids love the school and their teachers and they commended the rules assemblies and the dance agreements. There are 2 items to correct: the AP passing rate is low (~2%) and the report needed to specify the Program Improvement status in writing.
- d. **President's report:**
 - i. With the recent science department success, Rob suggested that the Foundation provide a permanent plaque for Dr. Senegar-Mitchell's Amgen award with her picture & possibly the Amgen logo.

e. Campus Improvement:

- i. Bids for the corner improvement are still viable and can be acted upon at any time. Hopefully we can address the bids and the corner work in the fall.

f. Legacy Wall:

- i. No report
- ii. Will there be a table at the Patriot's Day event?

g. Snack Bar:

- i. Jen and Norm worked the Snack Bar for the AP Bio Bowl event at Serra on April 24. Steve Baker, the AP coordinator, provided bagels. Jen and Norm provided chicken bowls for the students at no charge. Serra came in a very close second in the bowl.
- ii. Perhaps the Foundation could support the Serra Science dept with a grant for the AP Bio Bowl and/or a prize for the student winners or support a Science Fair with a stipend for the coordinator.

h. Membership:

- i. No report. There will be a planning meeting at Cara's house on May 10. Contact her for information.

- i. **Correspondence:** Janet distributed mail: a United Way check for \$217.20, Thank You card for the grant monies from the Serra Surf Team. There were 3 auction dinner thank you letters returned. Janet will get them to Darla.

II. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Motions passed

- ✓ Approval of 04/07/10 minutes as presented.
- ✓ Approval of treasurer's report as presented.

Items for follow up

- ✓ Patriot Day table to sell wall tiles - Don.
- ✓ Jeffrey Pointer memorial- Jeff will speak to Jonn Pisapia.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at time/location to be determined.

Janet R. Green
Foundation Secretary
05/11/10