

City High/Middle PTSA
Legislative Action Committee
2/16/08
San Chez/Mezze

1. Call to Order: 10:15 am
2. Attendance: Anne Marie Bessette, Denise Blair, Andy Bowman, Vickie Craig, Kate McCrindle, Sara Potyraj.
3. Agenda: PTSA presentation on the 19th, GGRA PTA Council revival, Legislative Coffee discussion. Motion by Blair, supported by Craig to approve agenda. Ayes all.
4. Minutes: Motion by Craig, supported by McCrindle to approve minutes of 11/12/07. Ayes all.
5. Follow-up to Hovenkamp Meeting of 1/22/08. The meeting did not directly meet the LAC intention for the meeting. Need to have meeting purpose better stated and led by someone committed to that purpose. Further need for better communications was discussed. Particular need for better notice with recent testing was emphasized. Motion by McCrindle, supported by Blair, to investigate preparing a set of recommendations for communications protocol and school-related policies Discussion: Craig mentioned a report on building better relationships in schools. Will distribute. Ayes: all.
6. School Board Candidate Forum: Craig asked the group about doing another forum. There will be seven candidates this year. Craig also mentioned that this year could help revive the GGRA PTA doing it. Election thought to be May 6th. Aim at 2 weeks before which would be Thursday, April 24th. Motion by McCrindle, supported by Craig, to commit this committee to initiate a candidates forum this year and attempt to enroll GGRA PTSA and others. Ayes: all.
7. Community Newsletter. McCrindle stated the need for a different product related to the long considered Community Newsletter. One 11"x17"-2 sided, tri-folded, to invite participation in the candidates forum. Brochure should be distributed to social justice groups, other PTSA's, and neighborhood associations. It needs to place more emphasis on grassroots enabling and not devious edicts or mandates. Locals need to hold GRPS and other governmental levels accountable. Should include ad promoting forum, articles about state of GRPS, coming federal level issues and voting implications. Deadlines: McCrindle will copy edit and layout, Bessette will do NCB/Special Ed/Insurance issues as focus piece, Blair will do a piece on state funding equity, Craig will cover the forum itself, and Bowman will cover the implications of your vote in November. Pieces will be due by March 15th.
8. Legislative Action on Funding: Item covered in previous discussion.
9. KISD Grassroots Effort: Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 21st, 7:00 pm.
10. PTSA Regular Meeting Feb 19th: Blair asked the committee about any meeting issues. Items on communications or the forum were offered as ideas.
11. Legislative Coffee Report: Blair reported the Dec 10th meeting was good. Legislators admitted that their approval ratings are bad. At least the legislators agree on need for civility. Bowman mentioned that GVMC had a legislative breakfast where it was suggested that maybe this year will be too calm to the point of not getting anything done.
12. Reflections: McCrindle is buying awards and will be giving them out at Auction.

13. Adjournment: 11:30 am. Next meeting will be a work session on the Forum on Saturday, March 1st, 10:00 am, at Imagination Factory.