

**PREUSS SCHOOL UCSD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, May 2, 2013, 4:15 PM
Lisa Hirschman Conference Room**

Attendees: Mae Brown, Scott Barton, Amy Binder, Monica Haas, Gary Matthews, Rick Novak, Mica Pollock, Peggy Preuss, Duane Roth, Valerie Stevenson, Matthew Weil

Absent: Ann Addo, Amanda Datnow, Kathy Drucquer Duff, Robert Dynes, Allan Havis, Terry Jernigan, Jason Flesock, Kim Wenrick

Staff: Ashley Dittmar, Karin Marsolais, Pete Selleck

SUMMARY: MOTIONS & ACTIONS

- * Approval of Minutes – G. Matthews moved to approve the APR 11, 2013 Board minutes. M. Brown seconded. The Board unanimously (8-0) approved the APR 11, 2013 minutes.

- * Support the resolution of EPA Reporting. 9 members approved

MINUTES

- I. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT.P. Selleck
P. Selleck introduced 17 of the 18 Preuss Seniors who had accepted admission to UCSD in Fall 2013. In response to a question, each student shared about the internships and other opportunities for interaction with the campus that had contributed to his or her decision to attend UCSD.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.....S. Kirkpatrick
- Approval of Minutes – G. Matthews moved to approve the APR 11, 2013 Board minutes. M. Brown seconded. With 8 members voting yes, the Board unanimously approved the APR 11, 2013 minutes.
- III. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT.S. Barton
- **Class of 2013:**
- As of May 1, eighteen seniors had submitted their intent to register at UC San Diego
 - 95% of the seniors have been accepted to a four-year college or university.
 - 88% were accepted to at least one CSU
 - 65% were accepted to at least one UC
 - 73% were accepted to at least one private college or university or out-of-state public school.
 - Detailed report attached

➤ **Scholarships and Recognition:**

- Three seniors awarded the Change of Life Scholarship: Brandon Khuu, Perla Rubi, and Jacqueline Le
- Two seniors awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship: Mandy Chan and Saron Goitom.
- Samuel Carrillo awarded the “Why Education Matters” Essay Contest
- Perla Rubi awarded the LPL Financial Scholarship/National Merit Scholarship
- Four students were awarded scholarships from A Bridge for Kids totaling \$5,000.00, Richard Vu (\$1,000), Jasmin Hernandez (\$1,000), Kevin Nghiem (\$1,000), and Laura Castro (\$2,000).

- **Preuss Rankings:**

- The Washington Post published their list of Most Challenging High Schools in America and Preuss was ranked:
 - #29 in the nation and
 - #3 in California.

- U.S. News & World Report released its list of Best High Schools. Preuss received the following rankings:
 - #30 in the nation
 - #4 in California
 - #1 locally
 - #7 charter school in the nation

➤ **Thank you:**

- La Jolla Golden Triangle
- On Saturday, April 29, there were over 100 Rotary Volunteers here to clean and paint classrooms throughout the school. They worked tirelessly from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

♦ **Science Festival:**

- ♦ Over 1,000 parents, students and community members attended the Preuss Science Festival on Saturday, April 29. Students shared their projects while explaining their research and experiments.

♦ **Monthly Attendance Summary, August 22, 2012 – March 29, 2013:**

	8/22-9/9	9/12-10/2	10/2-10/29	10/30-12/4	12/5/12-1/4/13	1/7-2/1	2/4-2/21	2/22- 3-1	3/4-3/29	4/1-4/26
Middle School	98.55%	98.70%	98.90%	98.53%	97.52%	97.86%	98.04%	97.26%	97.92%	98.26%
High School	97.44%	97.68%	98.14%	97.85%	96.17%	97.54%	98.04%	96.95%	97.16%	97.04%
Total	98.11%	99%	98.48%	98.20%	96.70%	97.64%	98.04%	97.10%	97.54%	97.59%

Upcoming Events and Testing:

- Ninth grade field trip to LA Museum of the Holocaust
 - Friday, May 3, 7:30am – 5:30pm
- AP Testing – May 6 through May 17.
 - Regular start time on Friday, May 10 and May 17. (8:55 a.m.)
- ♦ Barnes and Noble Bookstar Book Fair
 - May 17-19, Fundraiser, Costa Verde Mall, 10:00am – 10:00pm
- STAR Testing, May 22 –10th Grade NCLB Science Exam in the morning.
- STAR Testing, May 22 – 11th Grade US History Standards in the afternoon.
- S.D. Regional Junior Model United Nations Conference
 - Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23, USD, 9:00am-4:00pm
- STAR Testing, May 28 to May 31 grades 6 through 11.
- Sports Day, Saturday, May 18: 11:30am-3:00pm
- Memorial Day Holiday - School Closed, Monday, May 27

➤ June Important Dates:

- Enrollment Day, Saturday, June 1: 10:00am-1:00pm
- ♦ Senior Exhibitions, Wednesday & Thursday: June 5-6
 - To volunteer on a panel please contact Jessica Resendez (jresendez@gmail.com)
- ♦ Art: *Space 4 Art*, Saturday, June 8, 6:00pm-9:30pm
 - Reception and Performances
 - Artwork and Performances by Preuss School Students
 - Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street, San Diego, CA
- ♦ Middle and High School Awards Ceremonies
 - Monday, June 10: Middle School, 2:30pm-4:00pm
 - Thursday, June 13: High School, 12:47pm – 2:21pm
- ♦ Spring Learning Showcase, Wednesday, June 12: 7:00pm-8:30pm
- ♦ Senior Awards Ceremony, Monday, June 17: 6:30pm-8:30pm
- ♦ Graduation, Friday, June 28: Manchester Field, 4:00pm

IV. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE.....M. Weil

M. Weil updated the Board on the computer initiative that will provide computers for Preuss students who don't have one. He reported that he is working with SD Social Venture Partners on opportunities to connect with other nonprofit groups that can be helpful to the Preuss School. He made an appeal for Board members to join him on the

committee to further develop the School’s relationship with the broader community. He specifically invited M. Haas, V. Stevenson and M. Million to join the committee. It was also pointed out that recruiting community members who are not already Board members to serve on this committee would be a good idea.

V. BUDGET MATTERS.....K. Marsolais

A. EPA Reporting Resolution

K. Marsolais informed the Board that in order to receive the funds coming to the School as a result of the passage of Proposition 30 and the establishment of the Education Protection Act (EPA), the Board must pass a resolution confirming that restrictions on the use of the funds will be observed. The funds may only be used for instructional costs and materials; they cannot be used for administrative salaries or costs or non-instructional services such as transportation. A template provided by the legislature supplied the appropriate wording of the resolution, which must be passed by the Board and signed by the Board Chair.

In reply to a question about how much money will be coming to the School from the EPA, Marsolais estimated that the School would receive \$678,000 in June, and an equivalent amount in four installments in 2013-14. She also noted that how these funds are to be spent must be decided in open Board meetings and then reported to the State. Because the Preuss Board will be making those budget decisions at the next meeting, we will be in compliance.

S. Kirkpatrick asked the Board to vote on the EPA Reporting Resolution. All nine members present voted yes.

B. 2013-2014 Budget Assumptions

G. Matthews gave the Finance Committee report at this point in the agenda in order to introduce some of the assumptions governing work on the proposed budget for the 2013-14 academic year that had begun at a meeting of the Finance Committee the preceding week. He said that revenue was closer to expenditures that anticipated in last year’s five-year plan. The anticipated shortfall can be covered in several ways, with the goal of maintaining the longer school day and school year that have made Preuss successful. Issues that must be addressed include competing with higher district salaries for teachers, maintaining transportation for students, and keeping class sizes reasonable. On the revenue side, the budget must have a reasonable estimate of what can be accomplished through development and fundraising. Managing accumulated carry-forward funds as an endowment might provide a prudent and modest revenue stream. The Finance Committee will be considering all these issues in the weeks to come.

K. Marsolais then led the Board in going over the assumptions for a draft budget for the next academic year. She noted there would be slightly more revenue due to increased enrollment. The draft assumes a fundraising goal of \$1 million, that class size remains steady, that the current number of staff development days be preserved, and that teacher salaries increase by 2%. Assuming this model, there would be a small deficit at the end of the year. Discussion centered around the following questions: Is it unrealistic to count on \$1 million per year in operating funds (endowment capital cannot be included in this)? Can transportation costs be cut further by asking parents to contribute more? Can teachers' salaries, longer school day and year, and class sizes be sustained in the long term? How much reserve is necessary to guard against unforeseen expenses?

S. Kirkpatrick pointed out that the Finance Committee would consider these questions in preparing a proposed budget that will be presented to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

Please view attachment for details.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee Report.....V. Stevenson

V. Stephenson reported that at its last meeting, the Education Committee discussed a collaborative project between CREATE and the Preuss School, known informally as the Alumni/Grad Network. The goal is to carry out research on how best to support Preuss alums when they go on to college. The committee also considered a proposal from CREATE and EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program) to participate in a program that would permit Preuss and six other high schools in the county to offer online AP or Honors courses in the summer. The committee recommended that Principal Barton, in consultation with his staff, look into the possibilities of implementing the program at Preuss. Some Board members asked about the usefulness of summer online AP courses for Preuss students, who take so many AP courses during the school year. Barton replied that he and his staff are looking for ways to tailor the program to the needs of Preuss students. Full minutes of the Education Committee meeting are attached.

B. Parent Council Report.....M. Million

Membership:

- We have 200 paid PTA members.

Elections.

- We still have to appoint representatives for the following positions

- Parliamentarian-to be appointed by the president.
- 6TH GRADE (2 POSITIONS OPEN)
- 7TH GRADE (2 POSITIONS OPEN)
- 8TH GRADE (2 POSITIONS OPEN)
- 9th GRADE (1 POSITION OPEN)

Dinner Dance.

Our Parent Dinner Dance on April 20th was a big success. We had plenty to eat and drink and the music was great.

We raised a total of \$3395.00 at the dinner dance.

Items the PTA is preparing to accomplish before the end of the year are:

- Procedure Books/binders
- Annual Financial Report
- Year-End Audit
- 2013-2014 calendar year Budget
- The Unit’s Annual Historians Report.

Bank Account Balance

◆ Beginning Balance as of April 1 st .	\$26,173.42
◆ April Deposits	\$2825.00
◆ April Withdrawals	\$ 95.00
◆ Ending Balance April 31	\$ 28,903.42
◆ Current balance as of May 2 ND.	\$ 28,903.42

◆ **Next PTA Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 07, 2013**

◆ **Next PTA General Meeting is on Saturday, May 18 th 2013**

C. Board Affairs Report.....A. Binder

Nothing to report

D. Fundraising Report.....P. Preuss

P. Preuss reported that the Gala had raised over \$440, 000. The total raised so far during 2012-13 is \$924, 000. \$200K of that total is funding for an endowment, however, and cannot be used for operating funds.

E. Finance Committee Report.....G. Matthews

G. Matthews gave the Finance Committee Report earlier on the agenda.

VII. New Business..... S. Kirkpatrick

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved. 10 members.

Video shown. Please view on YouTube here :

VIII. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, June 6, 2013 @ 4:15 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Attachments:

Class of 2013 College Acceptance Report as of May 2, 2013

As of May 2, 2013 (Student Self-Reported)

91 out of 96 seniors were accepted to at least one four-year college/university (95%)

CSU Admission Stats (89% admit rate for Class of 2013)

84 out of 94 accepted to a CSU campus

10 out of 94 denied to a CSU campus

1 student did not apply to a CSU campus

1 student withdrew CSU application (was admitted ED to another college)

37 out of 96 students plan to attend a CSU (39%)

UC Admission Stats (67% admit rate for Class of 2013)

62 out of 93 accepted to a UC Campus

31 out of 93 denied to a UC Campus

3 students withdrew UC application (were admitted ED to other colleges)

33 out of 96 students plan to attend a UC (34%)

Private/Out of State 4-year college/university (84% admit rate)

70 out of 83 accepted to an out of state or private 4-year college

13 out of 83 denied to an out of state or private 4-year college

13 students did not apply to an out of state or 4-year college

15 out of 96 students plan to attend a Private or Out of State 4-year college/University (16%)

11 students will attend a 2-year Community College with plans to transfer to a 4-year college/university (11%)

COLLEGE ATTENDING	# OF STUDENTS
BOWDOIN COLLEGE	1
CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS	1
COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS	1
COMMUNITY COLLEGE	11
CSU CAL POLY POMONA	6
CSU CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO	2
CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS	1
CSU CHICO	13
CSU EAST BAY	3
CSU HUMBOLDT	1
CSU NORTHRIDGE	1
CSU SAN DIEGO	7
CSU SAN MARCOS	3
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	1
EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE	1
HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	1
KEUKA COLLEGE	1
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY	1
MILLS COLLEGE	1
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	1
POINT LOMA UNIVERSITY	1
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY	1
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	1

TRINITY COLLEGE	1
UC BERKELEY	3
UC DAVIS	2
UC IRVINE	1
UC LOS ANGELES	2
UC MERCED	6
UC RIVERSIDE	1
UC SAN DIEGO	18
WHITMAN COLLEGE	1

PREUSS SCHOOL UCSD ~ EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, April 24, 2013 @ 8:00 AM

Attending: Scott Barton; Hazel Claros; Amanda Datnow; Jason Flesock; Jan Gabay; Karin Marsolais; Jennifer Nieto; Richard Novak; Mica Pollock; Peggy Preuss; Oscar Ramos; Pete Selleck; Ernest Smith; Valerie Stevenson; Dave Weber; Patricia Weil. Visiting: Rafael Hernandez; Jessica Resendez

I. Alumni Project

M. Pollock recapped the status of an idea that has been referred to in informal conversations and emails as the “Alumni/Grad Network” project. Priscilla Lee from CREATE is writing a memo regarding what is currently known in basic research about Preuss graduates. Once the memo is completed, conversations can take place between CREATE and Preuss regarding the possibilities for future research. An open question that can frame those discussions might be: what supports should Preuss graduates get or expect from the high school once they have left it?

The committee discussed a range of current mechanisms and social media as well as programs such as “Beyond 12” (<http://beyond12.org/>) and UCSD’s OASIS Summer Bridge Program (http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/_organizations/oasis/transition-programs/summer-bridge/) that are relevant to supporting high school graduates once they have gone to college.

Several Preuss teachers discussed the nature of their current contacts and relationships with Preuss graduates. In general, they reported that these interactions (most often with students from their advisory groups) were welcomed, constructive, and not inordinately burdensome.

II. UCSD CREATE and Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) Proposal to Offer Online Course at Preuss, Summer 2013

M. Pollock and R. Hernandez explained a proposal to offer an online AP or honors A-G course at Preuss this summer. Preuss would be one of six schools participating in this project, others most likely being Gompers, Lincoln, and three schools in the Imperial Valley. The program would be fully funded by CREATE and EAOP with the majority of those funds going toward paying a teacher. The curriculum for the courses comes from Scout, a program housed in the UC Office of the President to promote student access to AP and honors A-G courses through a free online format. R. Hernandez explained some of the specifics of the program:

- The teacher can be either from the host school (Preuss) or Scout.
- Credit for the course is given by the participating high school.
- Students earn a semester of credit by attending seven hours a day for four weeks.
- The class can be selected as an opportunity for acceleration, credit recovery, or extra learning for a course not currently offered at Preuss.
- The class offering may be chosen from a list of predominately math and science courses.

The committee discussed the possibilities for participating in this project and reached consensus that this is a good and useful opportunity for Preuss students. S. Barton will take the proposal to the IST for a decision next week and then meet with CREATE and EAOP staff to address the details and next steps necessary for implementation.