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**MINUTES of  
August 29, 2006**

**PARENT ADVISORY BOARD GENERAL MEETING**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

**A. Welcome and Introduction of Members present was led by Belinda Oberle**  
Members present were Belinda Oberle, President; Frank Rumbawa, Vice President; Keri Baez , Secretary; Bill Barre, Treasurer; Pati Navarro, Hospitality Chairperson; Ernest Navarro, Athletics/Extracurricular Chairperson; and Kim Zarro, Freshman Parent Representative. Shannan Preciado, Heritage K-8 Liaison was absent.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Frank Rumbawa**

**C. Invocation**

**Kim Zarro**

**D. History of the PAB- Power Point Presentation**

**Belinda Oberle**

1. Our Purpose: To encourage the active involvement of parents and guardians.
2. Our Role: To act as a liaison between faculty, parents, and students.
3. Our Main Events:
  - a) Western "Roundup the Funds" Silent and Live Auction  
Fri., Sept. 29, 2006 6:30- 10 pm
  - b) Christmas Dinner/Dance  
Thurs., Dec. 21, 2006 @ Escondido Country Club  
\* PAB pays for most of the costs of the dinner from the funds raised at the Auction. Cost to the students will be about \$10-\$12.
  - c) Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the Spring.
  - d) Grad Nite in the Spring.
  - e) Scholarships to Seniors.

\* Last year the PAB Scholarship Committee gave (1) \$1000 scholarship and (2) \$500 scholarships. This year we hope to increase that.

4. Our Structure: The PAB consists of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitality Chairperson, Athletics/Extra-curricular Chairperson, a Heritage K-8 Liaison, and Parent Representatives from each grade level.

Also, we are restructuring the format of our PAB General Meetings so that they will be more 'topic-oriented.' We will talk about that later this evening

#### **E. ASB Report**

**Michael Giglio, President**

ASB stands for Associated Student Body. We plan functions, extracurricular activities, etc. Elections are this Friday. ASB consists of two student representatives from each grade level plus four governing officers. It's a lot of fun! Right now we are working on Homecoming.

#### **F. Coach's General Update**

**Coach Snyder**

We are restructuring. There will not be as many PAB general meetings this year, but parent involvement impacts the students' performance. Typically parent involvement wanes at the high school level, but your students need you to be involved now more than ever. 'Involved' means knowing who your student's friends are as well as knowing who their teachers are and what their teachers expect of them.

This isn't a private school; it is a public school, so we need to do some fundraising. Our percentage of kids attending college is equal to or higher than in many private schools in our area! Academic Performance Index Scores will be made public on Thursday, but I can already tell you our scores are among the highest in Escondido. If you were to look at only the TCP scores, then you would find that our scores would among the highest in all of San Diego County!

We are proud of our school. Our teachers are dedicated. Communication between home and school is key.

Our new gymnasium is on track to be open in about 1 year.

Kim McCrory, counselor makes sure she sees each student and gives them the information they need.

Our biggest challenge: Keeping the parents on track! Let's keep the focus on the students' education and we will have another successful year.

#### **G. Director's Report**

**Shawn Roner**

Important upcoming events:

1. Assembly this Friday at 8:05

\* Potential ASB Officers will be speaking

2. School Pictures will be taken on Thursday, Sept. 29 by Gerardy Photography.

\* Class pictures as well as individual pictures will be taken. Order packets have already been sent home.

\* Seniors' pictures will also be taken that day. They need to turn in their yearbook pictures in October. Don't wait; photographers are very busy that time of year.

3. The first grading period ends on Fri. Sept. 15. Progress reports will be mailed home approximately every five weeks with a letter.

Students performing below a C will have comments from their teachers on their progress reports. Serious issues will be addressed in person or by phone. If ever you can't

reach a teacher please call me. Go over the progress report with your student. The letter has important information; please make sure you read it. If you have any concerns or questions please call me.

We have a new website: [www.echs.org](http://www.echs.org). For some reason last year's website is sometimes coming up; it shouldn't be. If you have trouble accessing our new website, you can call me and I will try to walk you through it.

4. Senior Exhibition. Every senior is required to participate in the exhibition. Their presentation should demonstrate community and leadership skills. It's a big project, so encourage your students to start early. Mentor assignments will be posted tomorrow. Each student will have a mentor teacher, and each teacher will have no more than 4 students. This is to help walk the students through the Senior Exhibition process. It is a big deal and very stressful to the students!

### **H. Athletic Report**

**Greg Brose**

One of my jobs is to ensure our students maintain the required academic standards. Our standards are higher than most schools: students must have 2.5 GPA and no F's. If their grades fall below that they will be put on probation for 5 weeks. During those 5 weeks, they will bring a yellow progress report home every Friday. Mandatory tutoring takes priority over practice. Also, I am in touch with their teacher regarding their progress.

We learn the skills of our sport; we learn to work as a team. We create quality athletes.

This fall we have 4 sports: Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Football, and Girls Basketball.

Regarding football, it is too late for us to get into any leagues for this season. We plan to petition the Pacific Coast League. Also, we are working with the city of Escondido to upgrade the field at Hidden Valley Middle School for our use.

We need a coach for Boys' Soccer.

*Chris Keyser, Coach for the Girls' Basketball team: Thank you for supporting our refreshment table. We are also selling raffle tickets for \$1 each or 7 for \$5.*

### **I. Student Services**

**Kim McCory**

This is my 9<sup>th</sup> year at ECHS I am pleased to be working with your students. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade parents, encourage your students at home. This is an opportunity to start fresh regardless of what happened in middle school.

9<sup>th</sup> grade: Focus on building study skills and organizational skills.

10<sup>th</sup> grade: Focus on Career Planning. All 10<sup>th</sup> Graders were tested on the Career software last Friday. They will be using the results for their Career Research paper in English.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Focus on College Planning. PSAT registration is Sept. 11 for Sat., Oct. 21. This is for Juniors Only. SAT's in the spring. If possible, plan college visits.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Focus on College Choice. College Application period is Oct.1-31 or Nov.1-30, depending on which schools you are applying to. Senior Exhibit is a big project for the students. Financial Aid and Scholarships for college begin in the Spring. FAFSA can be filed beginning Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of your student's Senior year. SAT Prep will be offered in the Spring.

Four hours of community service is required of all students each semester. Forms are available in the office. Try to find something you student enjoys and can commit to for the year. Community service is very beneficial for Scholarship applications.

Escondido Community Compact helps facilitate student community service:

[www.educationcompact.org](http://www.educationcompact.org)

At all grade levels we seek to find at least one extracurricular activity for each student, whether on campus or off, so that students can invest their time and build their leadership skills. Community service is beneficial for college and scholarship applications.

**J. Escondido Charter High School Board of Directors Report      Bill Schaul**

Our last meeting was June 28, 2006. The bond sale was very successful. We are the only charter school to participate in a bond sale. At tomorrow night's meeting we will approve of annual contracts as well as address some Heritage K-8 issues. Board meetings are open to the public. It will be held right here beginning at 5:30.

**K. Treasurer's Report**

**Bill Barre**

Opening balance	2345.36
Gift cards for	
Tonight's raffle	<u>- 30.00</u>
Ending balance	<b>2315.36</b>

\*New report at next meeting.

**L. General Open Discussion Topics**

**Belinda Oberle**

1. Jen Blease, Set-up and Clean-up Chairperson for upcoming Auction.
2. Shannan Preciado is our Heritage K-8 Liaison. She is not able to be here tonight.
3. We need a suggestion box set up in the office. If someone would like to make one please contact me.
4. We also need a volunteer to coordinate the student volunteers at the Auction.
5. Tickets to the Auction are on sale here tonight, see Vicky Keyser. Tickets can also be purchased after school. Right now the price of the tickets is \$15; after Labor Day tickets will be available in the Office. After Sept 25 the price will be \$20. Our goal is to sell 250 tickets; so far we have sold 101. So far there is no limit on the number of tickets we can sell.
6. Donations: We are currently collecting donation items for both the Silent and Live Auction. If you have a donation please contact me.
7. Money donation: Please make checks payable to ECHS PAB.
8. Class Donations: Lisa Merrill and Maureen Buchanan, Chairpersons. It is undecided whether each class will donate a basket with a theme like last year. We will communicate that to home through the Charter Notes.
9. Format of future meeting: Our General meetings will be less formal. At our next meeting we will have a guest speaker talk about the website myspace.com. If you have any ideas re: future topics or themes please see me.

**M. Next Parent Advisory General Meeting-Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.**

**N. Student & Parent Raffles**

**Ernest and Pati Navarro**

1<sup>st</sup> Raffle: \$15 Gift Card to Starbucks.....Lynda Barry

2<sup>nd</sup> Raffle: 3-\$2 Gift Certificates to Baskin Robbins.....Kirstin Lasto

**O. Basketball Raffle: Starbucks Gift Basket.....Judi Morley**

**\*Drawn by Chris Keyser.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Keri Baez.