



**Parent Teacher Association  
General Meeting  
February 10, 2011  
Minutes**

**Call to order**

Enid Febus called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Prior to the meeting, parents and teachers celebrated Chinese New Year in the lobby with a buffet of Chinese appetizers provided by the PTA. The January minutes were presented and approved.

**Co-Presidents' Report**

Enid asked for volunteers for the Senior Scholarship committee. Enid introduced Carrie Ho as the chairperson and indicated that this was a committee that could use email and phone calls to develop the scholarship criteria and letters to counselors and teachers.

Liz Morano gave parents an update on the Gala Auction. Liz told the parents that a number of prizes have been received such as a Dyson vacuum and Disney passes. She encouraged parents to participate and buy tickets to the event.

**Gala Auction Update**

Liz reported that the committee met to discuss various aspects of the auction including that it will include auctions for higher ticket options and raffles for other items. A number of donations have been received such as a Dyson vacuum and Disney Park Hopper passes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lynn Lee reported on the donations and expenses for January. Carrie Ho will send thank you notes to all parents who donated.

**SPARKS Program Panel Discussion**

Ms. Ramona Richardson was introduced as a counselor of the SPARKS program at Tech. This program is a drug and alcohol prevention program and a place for students to come and work in small groups to discuss various teen issues. The student panel was introduced and they then answered questions from the audience about various issues such as stress, homework, alcohol and drug usage, tests, competition, and parent/teen communication.

**Mr. Marc Williams – A.P. Parent and Student Engagement**

Mr. Williams informed parents that letters will be sent home this year for the Learning Environment Survey. He encouraged parents to complete the survey and noted the importance of increasing the number of parents who participate. Mr. Williams informed parents of the Sophomore Major Selection dates, which are March 9<sup>th</sup> during the day and March 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening. He urged parents to talk with their children and to choose a major that their children are interested in. He also told parents that students should carry their program cards should they need to show truant officers in the event of a schedule that begins later than first or second period. Mr. Williams told parents that he copied an interesting article on birth order that he felt might be of interest. He also informed parents about the untimely death of a Tech student, Arthur Trubach and asked for a moment of silence. Arthur had been ill for some time and Mr. Williams asked that the PTA express condolences to the family.



## **Mr. Randy Asher - Principal's Report**

Mr. Asher encouraged parents to visit the website for upcoming important events. He informed parents that some of the attendance information on the report cards is incorrect and to check Daedalus for complete information. He also told parents that should students wish to appeal a grade to look on the website for the appeals process and stated that if the data supports the appeal, the grade will be changed.

Mr. Asher reviewed several faculty changes and urged parents to talk to their children about summer programs. He stated that many summer opportunities have March 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines and students should seek opportunities in their field of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.