



MINUTES
QUEST PARENT MEETING
January 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Denise Gordon.

Introductions: Shawn Abbate, Lead QUEST Teacher
Jessica Mullen, QUEST LAISON
Anne McCroskey, Teacher

Shawn Abbate discussed:

- CAHSEE Testing - will be February 2 & 3. Students should be coming home with English and Math study guides. Shawn recommended students look through guides to familiarize themselves with content.
- CAHSEE Breakfast - Every year students are treated to a light breakfast before testing begins. Shawn asked for donations of breakfast items such as juice and bagels, as well as volunteers to help serve.
- CAHSEE Questions - If students pass the CAHSEE the first time are they required to take it again? What happens if students do not pass the exam? Students that pass the first time are done. Students that do not pass the test the first time are allowed to take the test 4 times.
- MIT - A 1month - 6 week summer program is being offered at no cost. Parents asked about Age/Grade requirements. Shawn said she would check on requirements.
- PSAT - Results will go home in April. Parents interested in learning results earlier may contact counselors to obtain their students results.
- QUEST Club - Will be hosting a Read-A-Thon with *Room To Read*. Their goal is to raise \$10,000.00, enabling them to sponsor the building of a library for children in need, in a foreign county.
- Parent Surveys - Available for those who did not get one at the last parent meeting. Information will continue to be collected, with the goal of improving QUEST support services. Surveys collected to date revealed a high interest in math related issues.

Mrs. McCroskey discussed:

- Monterey Field Trip – Dates: Feb. 6th – 8th. Most students have already paid for their trips. Reviewed trip itinerary for 11th Grade parents.
- Math - Addressing questions that came up on parent surveys, Mrs. McCroskey spoke on why students need to take 4 math classes in high school. Stressing that it will help students be competitive when applying for college admissions. In addition, students do better when they have not had a break in math courses from one year to the next. There was discussion about classes currently available, with an invitation for suggestions of classes that parents felt would benefit students at Millikan.

Jessica:

- Jessica reviewed information from some of the flyers available at the meeting, such as the Millikan Newsletter and the Homework Tip flyer, highlighting important dates: tutoring information, test related issues, and the finals schedule.

Denise:

- Thank you to the parents that helped at QUEST hospitality room. It was a great success.
- For those parents not familiar with SMG, Denise gave an overview about the SMG Fundraising program, event opportunities, and criteria for working an event.

Diane Zalk:

- Denise requested renewal commitments and new signups for the Secret Pals program. Gave an overview about Secret Pals for new parents and took signups at the meeting.

Important Dates:

MOCK SAT, Saturday, Jan 10th
Financial Aid night - Jan. 14, 2009 - 5:30 Auditorium
FINALS
CAHSEE Breakfast, Feb 3rd
Monterey Field Trip, Feb 6-8th

Next QUEST Parent Meeting Mar. 4, 2009 - 6:30 Library

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.