

Carlmont High School PTSA  
**Agenda for March 11, 2008**

Call to order at 7:30pm – Emily Sarver

Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Susan Dubrow

Principal's Report – Andrea Jenoff is in Sacramento where Joy Zhang is being honored by the Governor

**Officers' Reports:**

President – Emily Sarver

1. Suggest people for next year's board – from all communities (slate due at this meeting)
2. Honorary Service Awards committee (for ceremony in May, combine with meeting on May 13?)
3. Sequoia Union High School District's 3 to 5-Year Goals

Treasurer – Larry Silverman: Treasurer's report through February 28, 2008

Financial Secretary – for Hanne Marshall

1. Ratify Bills paid through February 28, 2008.
2. Release funds until next meeting.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

Bagpiper Distribution – Dave Lawrence

Printing & Folding quote from Minuteman Press since it is hard to find enough volunteers

We need more **help with newsletter stapling and labeling** – email [lawrence.david.l@gene.com](mailto:lawrence.david.l@gene.com)

Looking for a new **Newsletter Distribution chair for next year** - email [lawrence.david.l@gene.com](mailto:lawrence.david.l@gene.com)

Bagpiper Newsletter – editor Linda Mattos – articles are **due Mar 12** for the April issue

Email articles and notable news (awards, etc) to [CHSBagpiper@aol.com](mailto:CHSBagpiper@aol.com)

Rehearsal SAT Fundraiser – Pam Jones

**Rehearsal SAT** - Saturday 3/29 – full length, timed practice – pay \$20 in College Center by 3/27

Looking for a new **Rehearsal SAT Fundraiser chair for next year** – email [pamjones13@gmail.com](mailto:pamjones13@gmail.com)

Scholarships – Jackie Duboux –

Seniors may apply for \$500 scholarships based on their community service. Due April 1, 2008

Shadowing – Melissa Leviant

After more than 300 eighth grade student shadows, the season is ended.

Looking for a new **Shadowing Chair for next year** – email [melcurtl@aol.com](mailto:melcurtl@aol.com)

Staff Appreciation – Tatiana Cherwinski, 654-5821 – Thank the school staff during the week of May 5 - 9

Student Store – Audrey Chan – **Help needed** for a couple of shifts, email [jose\\_audrey@yahoo.com](mailto:jose_audrey@yahoo.com)

Volunteer Coordinator – Diane Cohan

**Helpers to sort STAR tests** 4/14 - 4/29 – contact Nina Rasor at [nmrasor@covad.net](mailto:nmrasor@covad.net)

**Pretzel Booth** at San Carlos Hometown Days 5/17 - 5/18 – parents and students sell pretzels to benefit our PTSA – contact Todd Reimche at [tcandkids@comcast.net](mailto:tcandkids@comcast.net) or (408) 857-9135

**New Business:**

Approve Mini-grants to teachers (third round)

**Announcements:**

March 11, 12 – CAHSEE testing for 10<sup>th</sup> graders

March 14 – **Minimum Day** – 7<sup>th</sup> period ends at noon

March 14-15 – Carlmont Robotics Team 100 competes at SJSU Event Center in FIRST Silicon Valley Regional

March 17 - 21 – **Spring Vacation** – No School

March 18-27 – Carlmont student exchange to China

March 27 – Combined Concert with Carlmont and middle schools, 7 pm, CHS gym

March 29 – Rehearsal SAT, 9 am to 1 pm at Carlmont, test for practice scored immediately just for students

April 1 – **PTSA Scholarship Applications Due** in College Center (student must be a PTSA member)

April 2-6 – Carlmont Choral Program Spring Tour

April 3 – **Open House**, 7 pm, bring the family to see what's happening at Carlmont

April 4 – **Minimum Day**

April 8 – **Next PTSA Meeting**, Carlmont Staff Lounge, 7:30 pm

April 14-25 – **STAR** testing, adjusted schedules

April 19 – Carlmont Prom

April 25 – Carlmont Drama One Act Festival at Canada College Flex Theater, 8 pm

May 1 -3 – Carlmont Dance Show at Woodside HS Theater, 7 pm

May 5-9 – **Staff Appreciation Week**, send thank you notes to your teachers

May 5-16 – Advanced Placement exams

May 13 – **Honorary Service Awards and Scholarship Ceremony, and PTSA meeting**, 7:30 pm

May 20 – Carlmont Instrumental Music Concert at Canada College Theater

May 23 – **Minimum Day**

May 26 – **Memorial Day Holiday** – No School

**Adjourn** See CHS website ([www.carlmont.seq.org](http://www.carlmont.seq.org)) for school dates, Daily Bulletin, and Bagpiper newsletter

**Write to your legislators!** Here are some important points:

We urge legislators not to cut Proposition 98, the minimum public education funding guarantee for our students. The impact of the unprecedented cuts proposed in the Governor's budget would severely harm each and every school.

Voters passed Prop. 98 almost 20 years ago to ensure our students and schools receive minimum funding. They strongly reaffirmed their support for the minimum funding law in 2005. Proposals to suspend Prop. 98 conflict with the will of the voters and jeopardize the minimum education funding levels Prop. 98 provides for students and schools.

The governor's budget reductions would be disastrous to public schools and they are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement. A \$4.4 billion cut to Prop. 98 would mean laying off tens of thousands of teachers and would also result in increases in class size throughout the state, not to mention a further erosion of the support system for students provided by classified and paraprofessional staff.

According to a report released this week from Education Week, California spends \$2,000 less per student than the national average. Other recent studies have shown that California seriously underfunds its public schools, with New York spending 75 percent more than California. In addition, California has some of the most overcrowded classrooms as well as the greatest shortage of librarians, counselors and other critical support staff in the nation.

Experts including the Fordham Foundation (one of the nation's leading proponents of rigorous academic standards), the Public Policy Institute of California, EdSource and researchers at Stanford University all confirm that California's K-12 academic and performance standards are among the most challenging in the nation. With hard work, modest investments in teacher training and the adoption of standards-aligned textbooks, our students and schools have been making progress. Reading scores are up 25 percent and math scores have increased 17 percent in the last four years. This progress cannot continue with these proposed cuts to our public schools.

A state budget proposal that looks at cuts alone is not a real solution, because it doesn't address California's underlying problem of inadequate and unstable revenue sources. We cannot talk about spending cuts without also talking about increasing revenues.

**Look up your state legislators at** <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/> (you can enter your address)

#### **State Senators**

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