

**Parents of Pinnacle
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-President Lisa Zemezouak. Lisa explained the POP organization to the Membership. We hold three General Membership Meetings a year (fall, winter, spring), and the Executive Board meets monthly (usually the second Tuesday). Lisa introduced Vice-Principal David Appleman to the group.

A. Principal's Report

Mr. Appleman indicated the start of the school year has been excellent. He took questions and addressed the parking issue, intersection of Black Mountain/Deer Valley, new school start time, lunch period, and SRO.

1. All seniors that are eligible and applied for parking did receive parking passes. Although the lot does not appear to be full, it was oversold, so on any given day it could be full (testing days, etc.). Staff continually observes the lot for open spaces.
2. The City of Phoenix continues to monitor and adjust the light at the intersection of Black Mountain/Deer Valley. Mr. Appleman will send event calendar to the City so they are aware of our busy times when the intersection could be backed-up.
3. New 7:30 AM school start time is due to AZ State Superintendent (state law). Full day is recorded as 4 hours not 4 class periods, which effects funding. Therefore, we started earlier and took time off lunch period.
4. Lunch period is running smoothly since adding a rolling snack cart and eliminating the ala carte items. All students are fed in 30 minutes (takes approximately 10 minutes or less once student is in line). Mr. Appleman to investigate whether we have enough tables for students during lunch. Due to the shortened lunch period, seniors are not allowed to leave campus for lunch. This decision is in the best interest and safety of the students. Mr. Appleman is working on something special for the seniors (possibly monthly luncheons).
5. We no longer have a SRO because we did not meet the criteria for a grant (which is based on student population and crime, among other things).

B. Boots & Heels

1. Boots & Heels Auction will be held November 22 at 6:00 PM - Dave & Busters. This is a major fundraiser for the school. Kim Brady and Sherri Wales explained the donation and ticket forms to the Membership. A \$50 ticket covers dinner/drink/facilities, so we rely on the auction portion to raise money. The first Boots & Heels Committee Meeting will be September 2 at 6:30 in the Cafeteria, and will meet every Tuesday thereafter. Kim indicated Lisa Zemezouak placed Boots &

Heels info in the Football Media Guide. In addition, check out <http://bootsandheels.info> for further information and to download forms.

C. Project Grad

1. Aundi Parillo and Kim Brady gave a brief overview of Project Grad (all night safe party at Dave & Busters for graduating seniors). Approximately 92% of seniors attended the function last year, and there is no charge for seniors to attend. Project Grad Committee will begin meeting in the spring.

D. Scholarships/Corporate Sponsors

1. Kristin Shelton and Kathi Swagerty will solicit donations from corporations to sponsor these scholarships. They are looking for volunteers to do the same, in addition to reading the senior scholarship essays. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in the next couple weeks.

E. Staff Appreciation

1. Lisa Zemezouak indicated this position is open. Lisa explained the position to the Membership. Laura Johnson will email the Membership regarding the open position, in addition to posting on POP website.

F. Website/PR

1. Laura Johnson encouraged everyone to check out the website at www.parentsofpinnacle.org. Laura explained it's the best place to find timely info, events, Board contacts, and forms. Laura also prepares a quarterly E-Newsletter for the Members.

G. Club Support

1. Cathy Littleton explained this position to the Membership. Cathy will be collecting financial reports from the clubs in September. This year, the Board voted to charge clubs a small fee for membership support, tax prep, officer insurance, etc. (this fee only partially covers our expenses). Bills for these club fees will go out shortly.

H. Membership

1. Kelly LaPorte explained the new Membership form and three levels of Membership and Sponsorship to the group. Although the number of Members is down from last year, we doubled the dollars collected this year. Kelly indicated our goal will be to increase the Membership. This could be accomplished by: easily downloading Membership forms from website and passing these on to everyone you know,

sending emails to those parents that have signed Committee Volunteer Sheets but have not become Members, and possibly using mass mailing for Membership drive.

I. Budget

1. Bonnie Smith presented the 2008-09 Budget to the Members. Bonnie indicated the budget information was gathered during several Executive Board Meetings. After a motion and second, the Budget was approved.

J. Programs

1. Aundi Parillo drew the winner from Walk-Thru for two tickets to Boots & Heels. Laura Johnson to contact the winner, Janice Dwosh.

Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting be determined (January or early February).