

**Parents of Pinnacle**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-President, Lisa Zemezouak. Lisa gave a brief overview of the Parents of Pinnacle organization, and introduced Principal Jason Reynolds to the group.

A. Principal's Report

Principal Reynolds addressed the members and took questions

1. Graduation ceremony will be simulcast this year
2. Project Grad (all night, safe party for graduates) to be held 5/27 at Dave & Busters
3. District will continue to allow senior half days. However, starting w/2010 freshmen class, four years of math will be required to graduate (although total credits required to graduate remains the same)
4. Pinnacle will be the second largest school in the PVUSD by the Fall. By December, it is estimated Pinnacle will be the largest school in the PVUSD (close to 2,400 students). The District makes the decision regarding capacity for schools. Pinnacle is still accepting out-of-district students. In the near future, PVUSD could redraw boundaries for the schools
5. Six Pinnacle students received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program
6. One Pinnacle student received Flinn Scholarship from the Flinn Foundation
7. Much discussion regarding current budget crisis:
  - Arizona Legislature still deciding on budget amount for schools (due 6/30). School districts are a huge part of the State's budget; therefore, schools face a large amount of cuts. Our district estimates budget cuts between \$40-50 million for 2009-2010 school year. Schools are in a holding pattern until the State determines how stimulus money will be allocated. Our schools rely heavily on sales tax, and w/the current economy, that tax revenue is also down
  - The Maintenance & Operation override failed to pass in the Fall. Another override will be presented on the November ballot for the 2010-2011 school year
  - Smart school teachers (retired teachers working w/o contracts) were eliminated for PVUSD. At Pinnacle, this amounted to three teachers; however, one has since been rehired. At present, the District has no plans for rif (reduction in force)
  - Teachers/Staff could face possible pay cuts
  - Currently no plans to cut Athletics; however, fees to participate will increase

- Currently no plans to cut Arts; however, we may be unable to offer as many elective courses in a day (if classes are not full, less classes will be offered)
- District and schools focusing on being energy efficient to save money
- Teachers/Staff at Pinnacle are dedicated to providing the same quality of instruction we are used to receiving regardless of the outcome of budget cuts

#### B. Treasurer

1. Bonnie Smith distributed the current Pinnacle High Boosters Profit & Loss Statement, which indicates we are meeting our proposed goals

#### C. Project Grad

1. Kim Brady gave a brief overview of 5/27 Project Grad event at Dave & Busters. This is an all night, free, safe event for graduating seniors of Pinnacle. 90+% of seniors attend Project Grad. Proceeds from Boots & Heels event (held in November) fund the majority of Project Grad. \$20,000 in prizes will be given away to graduates. If you are interested in chaperoning Project Grad (10 PM – 5 AM), please contact Kim at [kimbrady@cox.net](mailto:kimbrady@cox.net)

#### D. Scholarships

1. Kristin Shelton indicated there are 61 applicants for POP Star scholarships. The essays will be read by a panel of five judges, and 19-20 students will receive a \$500 scholarship to be presented at Senior Awards Night

#### E. Elections

1. Co-President Jane Barrett distributed the POP Officer Ballot for Board elections. All Board positions are open. Following a vote, the officers for 2009-2010 are:

Co-President:	Jane Barrett, Lisa Zemezouak
Secretary:	Linda Upchurch
Treasurer:	Bonnie Smith
VP of Communication:	Laura Johnson
Co-VP of Fundraising:	Kim Brady, Chris Scott
VP of Membership:	Kelly LaPorte
VP of Hospitality:	Nicole Akre
VP of Club Support:	Cathy Littleton
Scholarships:	<b>OPEN</b>
Project Grad:	Aundi Parillo