

**Parents of Pinnacle**  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-President, Jane Barrett. Jane introduced Vice-Principal David Appleman to the group.

A. Principal's Report

Mr. Appleman addressed the group and discussed the current Arizona budget crisis facing the school district

1. School attendance count affects school funding
2. Override proposed on November ballot did not pass. The override will again be presented on the spring ballot
3. PVUSD budget cuts could be in the \$32 million range
4. Mr. Appleman urged parents to contact state legislature regarding budget concerns. He will send contact information to POP
5. Although Pinnacle High School continues to grow, other schools in the district are leveling off and not experiencing growth. This could possibly lead to larger class sizes and rezoning, although nothing definitive has been approved
6. Mr. Appleman indicated administrators and staff are committed to providing a great education for all students at Pinnacle High School

B. Treasurer

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

C. Events - Boots & Heels

1. Kim Brady indicated the Board is currently searching for a parent to chair or co-chair the Boots & Heels event to be held 11/14/09 at Dave & Busters. Kim secured the date and is beginning preliminary planning for the event

D. Public Relations

1. Laura Johnson urged members to check out the POP website at [www.parentsofpinnacle.org](http://www.parentsofpinnacle.org) for upcoming events and links to important parent information
2. Laura publishes a quarterly POP Corner Newsletter which is a good resource for POP Members
3. Please help the school earn money by linking your Bashas Thank You card to our organization (23699). Refer to POP website for further information

E. Events - Project Grad

1. Aundi Parillo and Kim Brady to co-chair event 5/27/09
2. Committee meeting dates to be scheduled in the spring

3. Parent/Senior mailing regarding Project Grad to go out end of March
4. 90% of Senior Class attends Project Grad

#### F. Scholarships/Fundraising

1. Kristin Shelton (Scholarships) and Kathi Swagerty (Fundraising) are working together to procure scholarships and plan this event
2. Kristin indicated they distributed \$10,000 in scholarships to Seniors last year
3. The Scholarship program is essay-based, and revolves around what makes the Senior a POP Star at Pinnacle High School
4. Scholarship applications will be mailed to parents/Seniors the end of March
5. Kathi indicated they have raised \$1,300 in scholarship donations to date
6. Scholarship Committee to meet 2/4/09 at 5:00 PM at Barnes & Noble Starbucks, Desert Ridge. Kristin and Kathi urge parents to get involved in this broad-based program for graduating Seniors. Donation forms and information can be found at [www.parentsofpinnacle.org](http://www.parentsofpinnacle.org)

#### G. Hospitality

1. Nicole Akre and Kelly Greene are co-chairing this group
2. Committee coordinates monthly morning treats for Pinnacle Depts., holiday treats for Staff, and Staff Appreciation Week in April
3. Nicole indicated they need help w/upcoming holiday treat - Valentine craft. Please meet at Nicole's house 2/3/09 at 7:00 PM

#### H. April Elections

1. Lisa Zemezouak indicated all Board positions are open for election to be held in April
2. Positions can be chaired by one person or co-chaired (i.e., Boots & Heels, Scholarships and Fundraising)

#### I. Programs

Guest Speakers – Karen Ramsey

1. Aundi Parillo introduced Karen Ramsey, President and Dr. Judy Derocher, Vice President of Paradise Valley Arts in Education Council
2. Karen presented PVAEC slide show
3. PVAEC created a year ago as a parent organization which highlights and supports the arts in our district
4. Parent involvement is crucial in partnering with the school district
5. Monthly PVAEC meetings are held first Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 at the Community Ed Building - Blue Room
6. Karen indicated they would like to have a POP parent rep as a connection to their group
7. PVAEC is looking for someone to assist in establishing 501(c)3 status for their organization
8. Night of a Thousand Stars is their district-wide arts showcase event

Guest Speakers – Toni Fioramonti and Suzanna Coyoli

1. Suzanna Coyoli, Choir, indicated the Choir was well represented in state competition
2. Upcoming Choir events: 2/26 concert; 2/27 tour CA; 5/1 final concert – “I love the 90’s” w/costumes, band, choreographer
3. Toni Fioramonti, Drama, indicated 80 students auditioned for “Grease” to be held in April. The play will be a collaboration of theater, band and choir
4. Ms. Shelton, drama student, performed solo dramatic role for the parents
5. Parents were entertained by the energizing Pinnacle rock band

Next General Membership Meeting: to be scheduled in the Spring