

Parents of Pinnacle
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-Presidents Jane Barrett and Lisa Zemezouak. Lisa introduced POP Executive Board Members.

A. Principal's Report

Principal Reynolds addressed the Members and took questions

1. Administration set three goals for the 2009-2010 school year. Following is an update regarding those goals:
 - School Action Plan for 2011-15 – Committee includes teachers, parent, students and staff. The Committee has developed the following plans: vision, mission statement, value and beliefs, and goals. The focus is narrow compared to the last five-year plan. The Committee is now working on strategies in order to meet the objectives. In April, a group comprised of students, teachers, parents, staff and administration will meet to discuss accreditation issues
 - Yearly Goals – Goals include teacher instructional strategies; citizenship (more community service involvement for clubs); drug and alcohol prevention (through advisement, parent academy, student programs)
 - Budget for 2010-11 – Principal Reynolds indicated they are unsure of the budget since the Arizona Legislature state budget is not due until 7/1/10. With the override passage and state budget, Principal Reynolds commented they hope to recover from last year's cuts, although they always plan for cuts to be made. Without the passage of the November override, we would have been facing \$20 million in budget cuts. Principal Reynolds indicated the school tax credit is very important to our schools. Superintendent Dr. Jim Lee posted a letter on the school website (<http://cmweb.pvschools.net/phsweb>) regarding the budget issues. The Superintendent's #1 priority will be to restore employee salaries
2. Principal Reynolds met with the City of Phoenix to discuss the traffic issues. The City is talking to Pulte Homes regarding finishing Mayo/Black Mountain Road
3. Principal Reynolds commented Pinnacle focused on *Newsweek Magazine*, and their criteria for a top US public high school included the percentage of the student population taking AP courses. *US News & World Report* has different standards, and we are now working to obtain a top ranking in that magazine as well
4. Principal Reynolds indicated they have started a pilot program for online education as an education alternative. They will begin surveying parents and students about

the program; however, only two students volunteered for the pilot program. Online classes do provide a value, but the consensus was classroom experience is invaluable

B. Career and Technical Education

Mr. Olson (Teacher Academy Instructor and Senior Building Rep) read the Teacher Cadet Mission Statement and presented a Teacher Academy powerpoint presentation. The class focuses on the following:

- Class consists primarily of juniors and seniors (with some sophomores) who are considering teaching as a career
- Public speaking (sometimes this is a student's first exposure to speaking)
- Self-Esteem
- Teaching teamwork, leadership and communication
- Direct instruction (for the final exam, students teach a 53 minute class)
- Cadets visit elementary and middle schools (tutor, teach, etc.)
- Human Rights Retreat
- Host of AZ Human Rights Youth Event 2/5/10
- Read Across America, March to AZ Capitol, Prevention Programs
- Fundraising to support the program since they function on their own

C. Treasurer's Report

Bonnie Smith prepared the Parents of Pinnacle Profit & Loss – Budget Performance Statement for 8/1/09 – 1/5/10. Lisa Zemezouak indicated the Executive Board will be meeting 2/2/10 to discuss the budget issues

D. Fall Semester in Review:

1. Kim Brady reported the Boots & Heels event was successful. The majority of money raised at this event goes toward Senior Project Grad. Kim introduced Cathy Thomas and Lynn James as co-chairs for next year's event. Check the website in the fall for event information www.bootsandheels.info
2. Lisa Zemezouak indicated the first year for the Holiday Boutique went very well. 25 vendors participated, 140 people attended, and POP made \$1,500 from booth fees
3. Linda Upchurch indicated we raised the maximum of \$2,000 at Frys and have registered 23 shoppers at Bashas. Linda urged Members to link their cards at Bashas also. Both stores will donate 1% of your shopping dollars to Pinnacle. The Bashas Group Number is 23699, and the Frys barcode is



4. Laura Johnson and Kelly LaPorte reported we have 202 paid Members and 48 Members that receive the POP Corner E-Newsletter and emails. The majority of our Members signed up at Walk-Thru. It's never too late to become a Member...check the POP website at www.parentsofpinnacle.org for forms and additional information

E. Winter/Spring Outlook

1. Aundi Parillo indicated the Project Grad Committee will meet towards the end of February. If you have an interest in volunteering on this Committee, please email Aundi at aundi@cox.net. Project Grad is an all night graduation party that provides a safe and substance-free celebration for graduating seniors. The event will be held at Dave & Busters after graduation on 5/27/10 starting at 10:30 PM. We have had great success w/this event, as 90% of seniors attend
2. Jane Barrett reported the Scholarship Committee reads senior scholarship essays and determines POP Stars, who are awarded a \$500 scholarship to be presented at Senior Awards Night. The Committee will begin meeting in March, and applications will be mailed to seniors in the spring. If you have an interest in reviewing essays, please contact Jane at janebarrett@cox.net. Check the POP website for forms and other information (www.parentsofpinnacle.org).
3. Lisa Zemezouak indicated Executive Board elections will take place at the next 4/20/10 General Membership Meeting. Positions can be chaired by one person or co-chaired. Please contact Lisa for additional information (lisazemezouak@cox.net).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next General Membership Meeting

April 20, 2010 @ 7PM in the ITC Building