

Parents of Pinnacle
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 1, 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:

- POP is the booster club for the entire school
- POP prepares taxes and provides insurance for Pinnacle clubs
- POP conducts three General Membership Meetings a year
- POP consists of nine Executive Board Members. Committees are formed under POP Executive Board, and these committees meet monthly or as necessary
- Refer to www.parentsofpinnacle.org website for up-to-date information

A. Lisa introduced guest speaker, Julie Bacon, Co-chair of Yes for PV Students. Julie presented basic information regarding YES for PV Students and the M&O Override issue that will be on the 11/3 ballot. Julie provided the following information if the proposal does not pass:

- \$10.6 million will be cut from the PVUSD budget over the next two years (\$5.3 million was cut from the budget this year due to M&O Override not passing last year)
- Larger class sizes
- Reduced services in core subject areas
- Reduced services in special areas (music, art, library, PE, computer)
- Staff cuts (219 cut this year)
- Salary cuts for all employees
- Increased extracurricular fees

Julie also indicated:

- 75% of M&O Override dollars go directly to the classroom/teacher
- If Override passes, property tax increase on a \$100,000 home = \$12/year
- Home values are linked to good schools
- If Override passes, it will go into effect next school year
- Events scheduled for coming months. Check the website www.yesforpvstudents.com for details or to get involved

Lisa presented YES for PV Students a check donation on behalf of POP

B. Principal's Report

Principal Reynolds addressed the Members and took questions

1. Principal Reynolds stressed the following to parents: be involved in high school and continually ask questions. Joining POP is great way to be involved, as POP restructured three years ago to expand their vision and members. POP provides support for all Pinnacle clubs, provides scholarships, supports staff appreciation, and raises money for Project Grad w/90+% attendance (all night, safe party for graduates)
2. Administration set three goals for the year, as they continue to move forward to improve as a premier high school in Arizona: Teachers focus on 21st century skills; citizenship; and drug/alcohol prevention. Principal Reynolds plans to bring programs like Not My Kid, MASK, and SADD to the parents throughout the school year. Also, all clubs are required to complete community service projects this year
3. Administration continues to work on parking/traffic/PE locker issues
4. Principal Reynolds indicated Pinnacle has been given extra teachers in order to reduce some of the larger class sizes this year. Student schedules are being changed w/very little disruption
5. Principal Reynolds commented enrollment capacity is around 2,400 students, and Pinnacle is the only high school in the district w/increasing enrollment

C. Treasurer

1. Cathy Littleton distributed the Current Year Pinnacle High Boosters Budget prepared by Bonnie Smith (Actual from last year and Budgeted for this year). After a vote, the Members approved the 2009-10 Budget

D. Membership

1. Kelly LaPorte indicated we gained 80 new Members this year
2. Paid Members receive a \$15 discount on the family athletic pass. Contact the Finance Office to receive the discount, as they have a list of paid Members
3. Membership forms are available on POP website at www.parentsofpinnacle.org

E. Fundraising

1. Kim Brady gave a brief overview of approved fundraising activities for school year:
 - Boots & Heels – Main fundraiser for Pinnacle that raises \$40,000-\$45,000. Kim urged Members to get involved by signing up to work on the Committee, making a donation for the event, or attending the event. The majority of money raised at this event goes toward Project Grad. The Committee meets once a week, and the event is on 11/14 at Dave & Busters. Additional event information can be found at www.bootsandheels.info
 - Bashas and Frys – Both stores will donate 1% of your shopping dollars to Pinnacle. Bashas Group Number is 23699, and the Frys barcode is



Next time you shop, remember to link the barcode or Group Number to your card

- Dollars for Scholars – MidFirst Bank will provide a money van at 10/16 Chaparral Football Game. Students will collect loose change the week of 10/16, and POP will collect at the game. MidFirst will count the money and match amount raised (up to \$1,000)
- Jamba Juice – We earn a percentage of sales. Jamba Juice is sold Tuesday before school and Wednesday at lunch
- Tasty Tuesdays – Starting 9/15, participating restaurants donate a percentage of sales for the day. Refer to www.parentsofpinnacle.org for a list of restaurants and coupons
- Vendor Fair – Lisa Zemezouak is currently investigating 11/21 fair where vendors can sell products or distribute company information

F. Communication

1. Laura Johnson performs website maintenance and email distribution to Membership. Members receive a quarterly E-Newsletter which highlights current events at Pinnacle
2. Website advertising is available on the POP website for \$50 (business card size). Advertising forms are available at www.parentsofpinnacle.org

G. Club Support

1. Cathy Littleton indicated Pinnacle has 21 Clubs that fall under POP. Cathy is the liaison between the Clubs and POP (collects tax info, etc.)
2. Cathy distributed a form being sent to the Clubs for the Boots & Heels Auction. The Club that sells the most tickets to the event will receive a \$100 credit applied to their Booster Club account

H. Hospitality

1. Nicole Akre and Committee Members provide treats for different departments each month and support staff appreciation events during the year

I. Scholarships

1. Jane Barrett indicated this Committee reads senior scholarship essays and determines POP Stars, who are awarded a \$500 scholarship to be presented at Senior Awards Night. Committee will begin meeting in March

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next General Membership Meeting

To be scheduled for winter