

## **PTSA/SAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday , December 12, 2007**

### **Attendance:**

Chuck Puga, Linda Larsen, Stacey Coyle, Leslie Simmons, Bonnie Jean Schlaepfer, Mike Baumann, Jennie Streightiff, Cathy Butler, Tim Stump, Mallory Yacullo, Maria Piper, Wendy Kesler, Anne Deppermann, Cheryl Birt, Birquette Bauman, Debbie Jacobsen, I. Parkerson, Kristi Gillespie, Emme Otte, Nikki Huff

### **Information Sharing:**

Athletic Report: Reported by Chuck Puga for Tim Ottmann. Winter sports are in session. The cheer team took 6<sup>th</sup> at State and the poms team took 2<sup>nd</sup> in State. There is room for advertising on the new score boards. If anyone wants to advertise, contact the athletic department.

Activities Report: Reported by Chuck Puga for Elizabeth Gardner. Upcoming concerts and activities were announced. Senior news and critical dates are posted on the website. Cramfest for freshman will be held on Monday, 12/17, after school to help freshman prepare for their first finals.

Student Council: The student council adopt-a-family program is underway. Their goal is to raise \$3500 to help 2 Ponderosa families with holiday expenses and gifts. They will shop for and wrap the gifts soon. The sophomores are working on sites for next year's prom. The semi formal dance will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's prom will be held on 4/26 with the theme of Tahitian Sunset. Seniors are designing and selling senior T-shirts and picking a senior gifts. They are also working on the 2008 Mr. Mustang contest.

Teacher report: Reported by Tim Stump. The English Department is working on a credit recovery plan for those who fail English. The school is changing the Information Processing requirement to a Microsoft Office Tools class where the students will become certified in the use of these software packages. FBLA is working on collecting food and toys for needy families and they have decorated the Senior Center for the holidays.

Site Council Report: Reported by Leslie Simmons. Ponderosa is set to have 2 of their computer labs updated. They need student volunteers on 12/21 to put together computer tables. The site council continues to work on the Senior Project.

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Volunteers Report and After Prom: Reported by Jennie Streightiff and Wendy Kesler. Parent volunteers will be needed to hand out schedules the first day of next semester. The After Prom committee has picked a theme for 2008 and will be meeting again on 12/13 at 7:00 pm. The Reflections contest is complete. They had 60 – 80 people at the reception held at PHS.

### **Principal's information sharing/report:**

Book Adoption reported by Kristi Gillespie. It was reported that the English department is recommending 4 books be added to the freshman English novel list. These books will be "choice" books to augment the number of books kids have to choose from on a particular theme. Each teacher will decide which of the units they teach will become a "choice" unit and in that unit, the kids will be able to choose from a list of books approved by the district. They are in the beginning stages of the approval process. Once the SAC signs off on the books going to the next step of the approval process, the selections will go to the district for further review steps. (See English department notes for book titles and authors.)

Some objections were raised to the books chosen due to either content or language. It was agreed in the meeting that if these books are approved for use at PHS, the English teachers should provide each parent with the titles and brief summaries of the books and "warnings" about possible objectionable things in each book. For example, the warning could say: this book has vulgar language or this book contains sexual content, etc. It was agreed that Cathy and Bonnie Jean would review the SAC by-laws to determine how to sign off on these books.

Counseling and College Information reported by Emme Otte and Nikki Huff. 87% of PHS students go on to either a 4 year or 2 year college after graduation. The counseling office would like to help the students with their college search. If there is a college that students are interested in that is not already coming to visit PHS, Emme will ask them to visit. If the students list the schools they are interested in Naviance, PHS will try to bring them in. The office has LOTS of scholarship information and will help students figure out how to research it. They are offering (during Advisement) classes on application writing, scholarship searching, financial aid basics. They are hosting a College Financial Aid workshop on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The process of getting into school via the military was discussed.

Rigor and Relevance Framework reported by Mike Baumann. This framework deals with the real world applicability of the information the students are learning. It suggest that learning/teaching methods need to change in order to prepare students to deal with both predictable and unpredictable situations after high school. In the 1970's the majority of jobs in the US required a low skill set. It it predicted that by 2010, the vast majority of jobs in the US will require high level skills. The framework talks about this progression: 1) students acquire knowledge and know the right answers, 2) students apply that knowledge to the real world at a low level and know the right procedure to use to get the right answer, 3) the students analyze the knowledge and can give good rational support of the right answer, and finally 4) the students work to persuade others of their conclusions and learn how to ask the right questions of the data at hand. PHS is working to attain all of these levels to better prepare students for a work force where the many of the jobs open to them don't exist today. This framework is referenced in several of the SIP goals.

**SAC Meeting:**

**DAC Report:** No report given.

**Community at Large:** No report given.

***\*January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be the next SAC Meeting to be held at 3:30 in room 119***