

PTSA/SAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday , March 26, 2008

Attendance:

Chuck Puga, Linda Larsen, Stacey Coyle, Leslie Simmons, Bonnie Jean Schlaepfer, Jennie Streightiff, Cathy Butler, Tim Stump, Wendy Kesler, Anne Deppermann, Gene Kelly, Dan McMinnimee, Tim Ottmann, Ryan Alsup

Information Sharing:

Athletic Report: Reported by Tim Ottmann. PHS is looking for a new girl's basketball coach. The new stadium in Parker is scheduled to be built in fall of 2009. They have run into budget issues and so it most likely will not have lights or locker rooms. There has been a 40% increase in transportation costs which greatly affects the athletic teams. They are considering having a bus bring the teams to away games and having parents drive home. Our girl's tennis team is ranked #1 in the state. The training room is moving to a classroom. \$14,000 has been raised for the move, another \$10,000 is needed. Tim will contact Wendy Kesler to see if the PTSA has funds to contribute. Fox 31 chose Ponderosa to be their Friday Pride school. They will be at school 3/28 to film the high school. Corey McNellis is the new wrestling coach.

Activities Report: Reported by Chuck Puga – Chuck passed around an activity schedule for the upcoming months. The state mandated ACT testing will take place on April 23rd.

Student Council: There was no representative present – they were busy working on prom.

Teacher report: Reported by Tim Stump. The teachers sponsored a talk by a Holocaust survivor during Advisement.

Site Council Report: Reported by Leslie Simmons. The seniors are still working on a Senior class project. Nothing has been chosen as of yet. They do want to work with an elementary school in the short term. Long term they are considering an activity that could be on-going.

PTSA Meeting:

Volunteers Report: Reported by Jennie Strieghtiff and Wendy Kesler. Jennie reported on the parent volunteer for February and March. Wendy reported that the PTSA has about \$16,000 in their account.

Principal's information sharing/report:

. Gene Kelley presented information on PHS' new plan to "reclassify" students, starting at the end of freshman year, who have not earned enough credits to pass on to the next grade. They feel that earlier intervention will help students keep on track to graduate from high school.

. In response to a question asked, Gene reported that the Writing portion of the ACT test is NOT offered during the state mandated ACT testing. The Writing portion is offered on any of the National Testing Dates. He explained that the state can not afford the resources to grade the writing portion of the test.

. It was reported that Advisement period will be changed to 1st period for the 2008-2009 school year. Chaparral and Legend high schools will both have advisement during this period. Changing advisement to 1st period will help with scheduling students who need to move between high schools for classes.

. Staffing numbers will be down for 2008-2009 school year due to Legend High School opening. They will continue to drop as PHS is estimated to have 1350 after the 4 year transition to Legend High School is complete.

. On April 16th there will be a meeting at Ponderosa in which the superintendent will address the \$20 million budget shortfall in Douglas County. He will attempt to explain why the budget missed the mark by so much, and outline plans to get back on track. It will be called a "Feeder SAC Meeting", but they would like to get as many parents and community members as possible to attend. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm.

. A question was raised as to parental rights to know about registered sex offenders that attend PHS. Because most of the offenders are underage, parents have no rights to know who they are or the nature of their offense. Once the child turns 18, then they are listed on the adult registry. Every sex offender is put on a containment plan and monitored according to the severity of the offense. Greg Wilson, the school resource officer can answer further questions.

SAC Meeting:

DAC Report: No report .

Community at Large: No report .

April 9th, 2008 will be the next SAC Meeting to be held at 3:30 in room 119