

PTSA/SAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , Nov. 14, 2007

Attendance:

Chuck Puga	Linda Larsen	Stacey Coyle
Leslie Simmons	Bonnie Jean Schlaepfer	Elizabeth Gardner
Jennie Streightiff	Cathy Butler	Tim Stump
Cheryl Birt		

Information Sharing:

Athletic Report:

Reported by Chuck Puga for Tim Ottmann. Volleyball was ranked in the top 16 in state. Gymnastics are league champs, 2nd in regionals and 7th at state. Football and Soccer both lost in the first round of state playoffs. Softball was ranked in the top 8, but lost to state champs 1-0 in extra innings. New banners and wall mats have been installed. New scoreboards should be in by the first games of the winter season. There is a possibility of moving the athletic training room to room 143. Tennis courts have been resurfaced. PHS expects work on the softball field to be done soon. Winter sports have officially begun. The first games begin the end of November. It is time to register for spring sports. Boys Swimming is back and coached by new head coach, Warren Ross who is currently the Girls Swimming Assistant Coach.

Activities Report:

Reported by Elizabeth Gardner. Homecoming was a huge success. Ticket sales were over \$24,000. After expenses profit was around \$15,000. Money will be used for fiscal operations of Student Council and other projects such as the Senior gift and 2009 National Student Council Conference hosted by Highlands Ranch High School. Annual fall blood drive sponsored by Bonfils and the senior class was November 14th. Last year Ponderosa was the winner of the Bonfils High School Challenge and Ponderosa was presented a trophy by Linda Dechow from Bonfils. The Freshman class is organizing an "Adopt-a-Family" within Student Council for the Holidays. The Junior class is working on a prom site visit. Prom will be held April 26th at the Tivoli student center at the Denver Auraria campus. The Sophomore class is working on the details for the winter formal which will be held February 9th. A turkey drive is sponsored by NHS and a Canned Food drive by FBLA. Student Council's book study for the year is The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork, written by John Maxwell. Honorary guest, Chuck Puga will join for group discussions.

Site Council Report:

Reported by Chuck Puga. Senior project will be headed by Mike Lynch. The Site Council is working on developing a volunteer project in the community vs. a Senior prank.

PTSA Meeting:

Volunteers Report and After Prom:

Reported by Jennie Strieghtiff. Parents sent food for Parent/Teacher conferences and PTSA paid for the main course. 22 parents helped with Vision and Hearing screenings. 2 parents are helping Emme Otte, counselor, with scholarships. PTSA- After Prom meeting will be Thursday, November 15th. Reflections entries are due November 30th. On December 6th a reception will be held at PHS for Reflections winners.

SAC Meeting:

DAC Report:

Reported by Linda Larsen. The DAC Fall Convention was held October 30th at the Park Meadows Marriott. Annette Fante, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, gave the State of the District address: 51,818 students as of the 10/15/07 count, 2,500 new students each year, an average yearly progress of 96.7%. She

highlighted reading measured at 3rd grade and Math at middle school. Featured speaker was Lin Kuzmich who spoke about preparing our students for their future. There is a short video “Shift Happens” found on You Tube.

Principal’s Information Sharing/Report:

School Improvement Plan:

Reported by Chuck Puga. The SIP continues to follow the same direction as last year. Student Achievement and Responsible Citizenship. The District Office has a signed copy for School Board access. Format changes are more streamlined and user friendly. One change is that Performing Arts will have their own area to be added.

Points of Pride:

Ponderosa Drama teacher, Kim S. Moore, received the November Channel 9 Teacher Who Cares Award. Congratulations Kim!!

Discipline: Basically there are more students, however the school is experiencing less problems. Tagging and smoking are showing a small increase.

December 12th PTSA/SAC Meeting will cover SIP Rigor and Relevance Framework