

**PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' CLUB  
TUESDAY,  
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM**

Mary Ireland, President, called meeting to order at 9:05 am

**ATTENDANCE:** Copeland, Dodds, Dukas, Faughnan, Glazier, Goetz, Heafey, Hebert, Hernandez, Hill, Hom, Hunt, Huppert, Hutchinson, Ireland, Jacobs, Jones, Joyce, Kerley, Kieraldo, Kirkpatrick, Lahaderne, B. McBain, O'Connor, Patton, Pfeiffer, Prisco, Retherford, Serleth, Swenson, Williamson

Guests: Siskind, Modling, Inch, Ingram, Dryburgh, Hauser, Diaz, Bloch

**OLD BUSINESS: Megan Hernandez.** To approve the minutes of the meeting as emailed. **MSC**

**SCRIP: Teresa Lahaderne:** Just a reminder to please purchase scrip.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mary Ireland:** Thank you: Mary thanked Hospitality for organizing the baked goods for the custodians. Thank you Party: Mary is hosting a "Just Say Yes" Thank you party on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. Flu Shots: Flu shots will be available November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. People must register on line and we need at least 70 people to register. Grant Requests: We have received some grant requests and will be looking them over.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Hubert:** Cindy was not present due to jury duty. Mary spoke for her. No changes to the Treasurers report. Cindy sent the Treasurers Report by email.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Randy Booker:** Randy began his report by thanking the Parents Club Board for the grant money for the science tech position. This has helped Randy with the master scheduling and has given him more flexibility in assigning teachers to courses.

Site Council: Randy is inviting everyone to participate with the Site Council. At their first meeting they spent time reviewing last years goals to increase proficiency in mathematics on STAR testing. There were some increases in geometry and Algebra II. The Site Council is addressing the question of: How do we know our students are learning? The STAR exam is only 1 way. AP exams are another way but they are usually too late in the year. PHS is looking for more indicators; more benchmarks for both teachers and administration. The next meeting will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. They will be setting goals for this year and working on a single plan for student achievement.

Library: Randy then introduced Susan Stutzman to give an overview of the PHS library. Susan said the library is now located in a very cozy spot in P11. They have 8 computers and 3 tables and about 1800 books. Almost everyone who has come to the library for a book has walked away with one. Because of the small size of the library, classes must come in half at a time. To help they have installed 24 workstations in room 49. Susan then showed the board how the students use the library page on the PUSD website. Book locations are listed as: portable or accessible storage. If there is nothing in book location then the student is out of luck because it is not available this year. She also showed the board the vast numbers of databases available to the students.

Portable Update: Students and teachers still really seem to like them. Classrooms now have clocks and phones. A drinking fountain has been installed and the next project is the PA system.

Witter Field PA system: Randy thanked the Piedmont Boosters Club for the new sound system at Witter.

Staff Development: Randy said that the administration and staff are focusing on the questions: How do we know our students are learning? The big push is having our teachers look specifically at assessment data. Last week Randy gave binders with the entire STAR testing data to the teachers in the English, Math, Science and Social Studies departments. It gives them specific student data with grade level, what classes they're taking, how they scored overall and how they scored on individual content cluster. Teachers were interested to see how their students scored on the test compared to how they are doing in class. The teachers sat and poured over the data. October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> are scheduled staff improvement days. On the 12<sup>th</sup> Randy will be asking teachers specific questions about the data. He is also asking the teachers to make a test from the questions from the STAR exam to see how the students are learning. The administration and staff is working on developing common assessments for all departments. They would like an assessment test twice a year especially with writing/English and Math/Science. The idea is that this would give teachers more information about students in regards to gaps in learning. Randy is trying to get teachers to understand we can do better. Students, parents and teachers need to take the STAR exam seriously.

Parent Support: Randy, Karen Shipp and Rich Kitchens have had discussions about their increased job duties due to budget cuts. They are talking about how they can best utilize parent assistance to support them. For example, using parent volunteers to help with Senior picnic and graduation.

Needs Assessment Survey: Randy gave a slide presentation that highlighted the results from the survey. These results have given Randy pause for thought in certain areas. He looks forward to seeing next years results and comparing them to this years.

**ASB REPORT:** Dhruv Amin: Dhruv was not able to present his report. It is attached.

**ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: Tracy Kirkpatrick:** Tracy said they are working on getting volunteers for the phone-a-thon. Andrea Swenson said they would be focusing on community participation. They are working on designing yard signs to be given to anyone who has contributed to the campaign. They will be asking every parent board members to participate (any amount) by October.

Mary gave a special thanks to both Andrea and Tracy for their hard work over the summer.

**JOC: Andrea Swenson:** Andrea handed out copies of the JOC budget. The JOC is asking each parent club to help fund the office. The office line item accounts for 3.97% of the annual campaign budget. MJ Dodds asked where does the money for advertisement in the directory go? Andrea indicated that it goes to teacher development and to the regular budget.

**MOTION: To approve contributing to funding 3.97% of PHS' Annual Campaign dollars to help defray administrative costs for their fundraising office. MSC**

**PUSD: Michael Brady:** Michael Brady presented a very detailed report regarding the PUSD unaudited actuals for 08/09 and the revised budget for 09/10. This report, from 9/23/09, gives an idea of where PUSD is in relation to PUSD revenue limit.

PUSD has an annual attendance rate of 98%, which is phenomenal. In 04/05 PUSD received \$5016 per student and in 05/06 \$5277 per student, in 06/07 \$5585 per student and in 07/08 \$5837. In 09/10 PUSD should have received \$6166 per student (statutory limit) if the state had money. However, the actual amount is \$5426. In 10/11 that amount will be \$4955 and in 11/12 \$5231 even though the statutory limit is over \$6400 per student.

Brady then showed revenue versus expenses slide that showed how in 08/09 revenue was higher than expenses. In 09/10 and future years expenses are expected to exceed revenue. Expenses include utilities,

insurance, contracts – salaries and benefits, current program and supplies. Revenue sources include emergency parcel tax, parents clubs, measure E, Federal stimulus (IDEA and AARA), etc.

The bid question is how does PUSD adjust when the emergency monies are gone?

Connie Hubbard said that PUSD must balance the budget each year. It is easy to see that if everything is kept the same 09/10, 10/11, and 11/12 expenses will far exceed the revenues. PUSD needs to address the differences and make decisions how to make the expenses less than the revenues.

PUSD must have 3% left at the end of each year, which is designed for economic uncertainties.

Hubbard pointed out that as difficult as the current situation is, it could have been much worse if the recent parcel tax has not passed.

So what is the problem?? The problem is not that PUSD is spending more; it's not that expenditures are rising. The real problem is that revenue is decreasing at a rapid rate.

Hubbard explained that PUSD has planned and keeps planning for the future. Her philosophy is not to have a big bottom line except for the 3% that PUSD needs to keep in reserve. Over the short term it is important to keep the reserve. PUSD needs to connect the dots between the one-time monies and the long-term monies.

Connie was asked, as a way to help decrease the expenditures, if PUSD would revisit the teachers' contracts? Hubbard indicated that yes, PUSD will look at the contracts.

Michael Brady also said that due to a potentially bad flu season, PUSD might be looking at lower attendance numbers and therefore a decrease in those revenue amounts.

Connie said PUSD would still be reviewing the curriculum regarding book purchases, and instructional materials. The State did ease its restrictions for categorical monies as more of a political move. That translates for example that GATE money doesn't necessary need to be used for GATE. However the reality is that PUSD still has all of these programs and still needs to fund them so the state money will be used for those specific programs.

Cathy Glazier praised Michael and Connie for their extensive information and asked how we could get this information out to the community. Brady said the graphs are on the website and that he and Connie are going to parents clubs and are happy to go to any Piedmont groups or organizations.

Mary Ireland asked the board members to think outside the box of ways to deliver this product.

**MEMBERSHIP: Jeanette Kerley:** Jeanette indicated that the Parents Club membership is about 68% which is still lower than previous years.

**SCHOOL BOARD: Martha Jones:** Martha indicated the School Board is very supportive of data driven assessments. She encouraged anyone to attend the Site Council. This year's budget is ok but the next two years will be very difficult. The School Board is embarking on a long-range plan. Their first meeting takes place on Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. There will be two additional community workshops on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm. If you are planning on attending the community workshops you need to be committed to the full-allotted time and to both dates. Interested individuals need to submit an application. The Board is looking for a broad range of individuals. The State has made some changes to allow school districts to be more flexible in the areas of textbook monies, categorical funding

and school calendar days. The School Board will be looking at these and other ideas to help the district balance the budget for the upcoming years.

**SNAC REPORT: Lisa Riddiough & Serra Apaydin:** Serra reported that the budget is not ready yet although this year they are looking to break even. Due to construction they have had to make adjustments to the menu. They still need volunteers to help and need everyone to work their assigned shifts. They are working on selling snack lunches to the construction workers but must resolve refrigeration issues first.

**COLLEGE CENTER REPORT: Patty Siskind:** Patty handed out an attachment with dates for PSAT, SAT and mock SAT. Their new location is fantastic even though it is small. It has helped with better communication with the counseling center. In addition there are many more students dropping by between classes to sign up for college visits, testing, or consultations with Sandi. Sandi is completely booked. Mock ACT will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> sign ups begin October 19<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup> at the College and Career Center. Mock SAT previously scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for the spring.

**CLASS REPS:** Mary Ireland will send out an email asking for ideas on how class reps can help Randy, Karen and Rich. Senior Class picnic was very successful and the Park Ranger said they were on of the best-behaved classes they have ever had.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Hernandez

Recording Secretary