

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' CLUB
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

ATTENDANCE (2011-2012 BOARD): Ireland, Clifford, Dunlap, Kurkjian, Narter, Shaw, Kieraldo, Hassan, Barstow, L. Adams, Hebert, Fahey, Lahaderne, Hubert, Glazier, Patton, Fishel, Sinnema, Kim, Pfeiffer, Collins, Gadbois

GUESTS: Lee, Bloch, Hunt

Mary Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:05.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary Ireland: The Board approved the November minutes as emailed, with one change.

ELECTION 2012: CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES: As parliamentarian, Elizabeth Shaw opened this part of the meeting, reminding candidates that talks will be limited to 3 minutes. Bob McBain and Margaret Fujioka were present to share their reasons for seeking election. Catherine Heater read Tim Rood's statement in lieu of his absence. Mary noted that a forum for all city council (and school board) candidates will be hosted by the LWV and held on 1/12/12 at City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Teresa Lahaderne: Holiday pre-order Scrip forms are available for Holiday gifts.

Yoko Narter, reporting for Debbie Powell: Our budget now reflects payments to the District for the \$200/student contribution.

Cindy Hubert: Food Service is doing well. Whereas last year, we realized a profit of \$4900, this year we realized a profit of \$4200. The profit amounts quoted are through November of this year from November of last year. Sales were actually up by \$20,000 over last year, but costs were also higher. The board thanked Cindy for her hard work making Food Service a viable entity.

Janice Kim: On March 31, CHIME will hold its 2nd Annual Gala at a nice home in Piedmont. The cost will be \$75 per person, up from \$50 per person last year. This is CHIME's only big fundraiser, so hopefully everyone will attend.

ASB REPORT: David Hosler: ASB is getting ready for Winter Ball, which will be held on 1/14/12. This dance is for Juniors and Seniors and will have a 1920's theme. A jazz band will play for the 1st hour. Belt sales will be coming up. Prices will be 1 belt for \$10 or 2 belts for \$15.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mary Ireland: Mary thanked the board for its great spirit of volunteerism. The AISCE program (Academy of Interdisciplinary Studies and Community Engagement) will be offered again this summer and directed by Ken Brown. We'll know what classes will be offered soon. The dates for the three summer sessions are: June 18 – July 6, July 9 – July 27, and July 30 – Aug 17.

Ray Gadbois: It looks like the State Budget will be short, so there is a good chance that mid-year cuts will happen, but we won't know for sure until January. Preservation Funds in each of the Parent Club budgets will help fill the gap this next year. As a result, we should be fine budget-wise for the remainder of the academic year, but it might be tougher to fill the budget gap in subsequent years if cuts persist.

GIVING CAMPAIGN: On behalf of Dane Copeland, Mary reported that the Giving Campaign is going well. To date \$1.4 million has been donated, a figure that is ahead of last year. Community

participation is at 55%, which is also ahead of last year. Mary noted that participation by high school parents is 49%, the lowest of all five schools, and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist in making phone calls to people who have given to the Giving Campaign in the past. She also noted that 82% of the high school board has contributed. She would like that figure to be at 100%.

PHS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Rich Kitchens: We're still knee deep in WASC. Right now we are coming up with 3 goals for PHS: A short-term goal, a medium-term goal, and a long-term goal. The discussions we've been having with respect to goals have been spirited. An action plan will arise from the three goals.

The Site Council has begun a 2-year focus on the World Language program. The council will explore how PHS can improve by looking at the best practices in other schools.

Rich would like to promote increased interaction between teachers at PHS because they have much to learn from each other. Today, twelve "Teach for America" folks are wandering around the campus, gathering information about how we do things here. Rich enjoyed talking with them this morning and answering their questions.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joe Piazza, PHS Music teacher: The Acappella Choir Holiday Concert will be held on 12/14 at 7:30pm. The choir will be joined by the stringed orchestra. 130 kids will be on stage performing together. On 1/19/12, all levels of the Acappella Choir will be performing. On 2/26, advanced members of the choir will be performing at Carnegie Hall.

Kim Taylor, PHS Drama teacher: Two plays are coming up this weekend, namely "End Days" (PG) and "A Streetcar Named Desire" (PG13). Ve Hsieh has generously offered to produce and prepare a dinner theatre for Streetcar's Sunday night show in order to raise funds to replace the stage floor.

College Center: Lisa Kieraldo: Lisa reported that the College Center is continuing to uncover summer opportunities for high school students. A mock SAT has just been scheduled for 3/31/12. An orientation day for Juniors will be held on 3/7. A planning day for 10th graders will be on 4/18, where students and parents will be introduced to the college-application process. We're also working on making it possible to sign up for AP tests online.

Wellness Center: Cathy Glazier: Cathy announced that the Wellness Center now has a new staff member. Alisa Crovetti will be replacing Amy Friedman. Cathy reminded the board that the Wellness Center serves middle and high school students and their families, and that a wealth of resources is available for free.

The January 2012 PHS PC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3 at 9am.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Clifford