

**Pioneer School of the Arts PTA  
General Board Meeting  
January 25, 2010**

**Welcome:** Tammy Ripley

**Call to Order:** 7:00pm

**Minutes from August 24, 2009:**

- ❖ Sheryl Bishop motioned to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded and passed.

**Announcements:**

- ❖ Tammy Ripley spoke on PTA communications. The PTA wants everyone to feel included and informed on what is happening with the PTA. Because the Board and General Membership voted last year to reduce the number of general membership meetings due to low attendance numbers and the amount of time and effort required to carry out these meetings, all of the up-to-date PTA information and communications are provided the following ways: the PTA Newsletter (sent home monthly), the PTA Website at ([www.PioneerPumas.Org](http://www.PioneerPumas.Org)), and the PTA Bulletin Board located by the copy room.
- ❖ Tammy Ripley thanked all the volunteers who have helped this year. Your help and support are appreciated.
- ❖ A parent survey will be sent home during the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. The information from this survey will be used to help with PTA planning for next year. Surveys are due back on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ The following changes have been made to the PTA Calendar:  
Art Fair will now be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, Spirit t-shirts sales will begin on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and end on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Pumathon will begin on April 12<sup>th</sup> and end June 7<sup>th</sup>, Field Day will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Pumathon Award Assembly will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- ❖ Sheryl Bishop reviewed the PTA Budget snapshot and provided the monthly financial report (see attached).
- ❖ Sheryl Bishop reported on fundraising income. Albertson's Partners program is defunct as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. The budget lists the projected income at \$1000.00. We have received a total of \$801.48 and will receive a final payment in March which should put us at or above our projected income. Box Tops are also on target to meet or exceed budgeted income. The cookie dough fundraiser was a huge success with income exceeding projection by \$610.18. Read-a-thon also exceeded projected income by \$1233.52.
- ❖ The current balance as of January 25, 2010 is \$11,803.02
- ❖ The proposed budget changes were presented as follows:
  - Add a budget line item for Student Directory receipts: \$10.00
  - Add a budget line item for Band/Orchestra/Choir: \$200.00
  - Remove budget for Santa Breakfast: \$550.00
  - Roll budget for Spirit Shop Tax into Spirit Shop Expenses: \$216.00
  - Remove budget for PTA Communication Software: \$200.00
  - Reduce budget for PTA Website Subscription by \$180.00

- ❖ Assunda Pendergast motioned to amend the budget; the motion was seconded and passed. Tammy Ripley stated that the Treasurer's Report with amendments will be filed for Audit.

### **Standing Rules:**

- ❖ Tammy Ripley reviewed proposed amendments to the Standing Rules (see attached). She explained reasoning behind the changes.
- ❖ Eron Gailey motioned to approve the Standing Rules as written; the motion was seconded by Assunda Pendergast and passed.

### **Elections:**

- ❖ Tammy Ripley announced that the elections for the PTA Board of Directors will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The open positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Information on the open positions will be posted on the PTA bulletin board.
- ❖ The election date was moved up so the new board could work with existing board to prepare and plan for the PTA next year.
- ❖ The Nominating Committee members are Randi Tietz, Karen Wirl and Roni Kalkman. The purpose of the nominating committee is to recognize and seek the most qualified candidates for the elected positions.
- ❖ The nomination forms must be turned into the nominating committee by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Administration:**

- ❖ Diane Oliva gave updates on the sound system, Kelso's Choices, and the playground committee.
- ❖ The new sound system is currently being installed. Final testing will be done tonight and training will begin tomorrow.
- ❖ The playground committee did a need assessment for our playground and determined that a conflict management program would benefit our school. Kelso's Choice was selected by the committee and has been purchased by the PTA. Mr. Johnson has viewed the information/training video with all classes, Kelso's Choices posters have been placed around the school and the students are being encouraged to use Kelso's Choices if conflicts arise on the playground. The playground committee is in the process of placing visual reminders outside of the building and also plans on practicing Kelso's conflict management by role playing with the kids.
- ❖ Mr. Ned has been working on getting bids to purchase new mid-range quality playground equipment for each classroom. This would include kick balls, soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, etc. They are still in the process of working out the details of managing the equipment with a color code system for each grade.
- ❖ Mr. Ned has reviewed all the game rules with every classroom and the noon duties have also been provided the same rule sheet to carry with them at noon recess for consistency. These rules will be made available for parents to access on the PTA website.
- ❖ The playground committee is planning on painting the black top with the States game, hopscotch and foursquare.
- ❖ Toys or balls from home are not allowed on the playground and will be taken away from students. These items cause equity issues between students and may get lost or stolen. Angela Farrell stated that you can donate balls to the school. All donations should be labeled with "Pioneer" and teacher's name.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ❖ Val Tidwell spoke on the importance of having an Advocacy representative and committee to help keep us informed on issues that affect our schools and the quality of our children's education at the Legislative and District level. We need to be advocates for our children and our school. Val and Kathi Hancock attended the monthly Joint School District No. 2 meeting this month. For more information on the advocacy committee or attending the monthly school district meetings contact Val Tidwell.
- ❖ Sheryl Bishop stated that the District meeting schedule will be posted on the PTA website.
- ❖ Anne Madsen thanked Val for her passion and hard work in the Advocacy position.
- ❖ Tammy Ripley introduced Nicky Hester who is co-chairing the Art Fair event with Kari Lucas. The Art Fair will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Mardi Gras. They are looking for volunteers to help at the event and for donations of supplies. Fliers with information on the event will be sent home during the first week of February.
- ❖ Erica Ziebarth said that fliers will also be sent home next week for presales of raffle tickets and must be returned by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** 8:23 pm

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