

**Pioneer School of the Arts PTA  
General Board Meeting  
August 24, 2009**

**Welcome:** Tammy Ripley

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

**Minutes from June 8, 2009:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

- ❖ Current reconciled balance as of July 31, 2009 is \$13,755.11 with \$10,500.00 allocated to the new sound system project.
- ❖ Sheryl Bishop spoke about the audit. Three recommendations were made from the audit but overall it was very good.
- ❖ Jami Haan motioned to approve the audit with recommendations; the motion was seconded and passed.
- ❖ Sheryl Bishop presented the budget review (see attached). The two fundraisers this year are Read-a-thon and Cookie Dough. Money from these fundraisers will be pooled to support PTA programs/events/functions and the Playground Project. In keeping with community building, the Art Fair will be a family event instead of a fundraiser.
- ❖ Randi Tietz motioned to approve budget; the motion was seconded and passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- ❖ Tammy Ripley stated that the money earned from last year's cookie dough fundraiser (\$10,500.00) will be used to purchase a new sound system for the school.
- ❖ Todd Phillips said that he is in the process of working with AEI to complete a quote for the sound system upgrade which will include the sound system and wall treatments (panels). Wall treatments are necessary to better the acoustics in the gym.

**Administration:**

- ❖ Todd Phillips stated that the school year was off to a smooth start and thanked parents and staff for all their efforts to make it go so well.
- ❖ Todd welcomed new staff members to Pioneer.
- ❖ The district wide Professional Learning Community Collaboration will begin on Wednesday mornings from 8:35 until 9:20, starting September 2nd. The first bell will ring at 9:20 rather than 9:05. Students may still come at 9:05 and will be supervised in the hallways outside their classrooms by teacher teams. This only effects the school start time on Wednesdays. All other days the first bell will ring at 9:05.
- ❖ Due to budget constraints all magnet schools are required to increase class sizes to meet district requirements. The classes will be capped as follows: K-2<sup>nd</sup> (24), 3<sup>rd</sup> (25), and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (31).
- ❖ The Playground Project committee held their first meeting this week. The motto is "Healthy playgrounds, happy kids, productive classrooms." They are considering any ideas to improve playground play, possibly by restructuring times

for playground use, providing rules for the playground, managing equipment and also working with Mr. Ned to teach the rules of games.

- ❖ In an effort to conserve the amount of printing and reduce paper costs, any paper communications will be sent home with the “oldest or only” child.

### **New Business:**

- ❖ Kathi Hancock motioned to approve Standing Rules; motion was seconded and passed.
- ❖ Jami Haan stated that membership stands at about 150 so far, with many being family memberships. Being a member of the PTA shows children that parents value education and builds community. It’s so important to have our voices heard when issues arise that effect our children.
- ❖ Stephanie Harrold said the first email was sent out for Read-a-thon volunteers. If you become a member of the PTA you will automatically be put on the volunteer list.
- ❖ Tammy Ripley said that the lanyards for volunteers are now hanging by the sign-in sheet across from the office. Please be sure to return lanyards when signing out. Several were not returned last year and they are expensive to replace.
- ❖ Randi Tietz spoke about the importance of fundraising to fund all of the fun activities, events and programs that the PTA sponsors. Albertson’s and Box Tops have a promotion available where if you spend \$20 on selected items, a coupon for 50 Box Tops is earned. You must go through the register and not the self check out to get the coupon.
- ❖ Read-a-thon packets will be sent home the first week of September. Teachers will have the opportunity to reward/motivate their students by presenting the trophy based on criteria of their choice (most improved, most minutes read, etc.). This is one of the two fundraisers of the year. The next fundraiser will be Cookie Dough in April.

### **Announcements:**

- ❖ There will be only three PTA meetings this year (August, January and May).
- ❖ The three main forms of communication this year are the PTA Newsletter, which will be sent home once a month, the website ([www.PioneerPumas.Org](http://www.PioneerPumas.Org)), and the bulletin board by the copy room.
- ❖ Sheryl and Tammy are researching a program to be used for mass email communications.
- ❖ Upcoming events for September are:
  - September 3-28 Read-a-thon
  - September 11 Student Picture Day
  - September 14 Pioneer Puma Marathon
  - September 24 Open House
  - Mid-September Information on Reflections

**Adjourn:** 8:15 pm

JG