

**PINER PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATED MINUTES**  
**Dec. 13, 2011**

**Meeting called to order** by Mindy Breslin 7:10 in the PHS Library.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance:** Kathy Jones, Andrew Jones, Karen Coster, Sally Bimrose, Andre and Judy Poulsen, Mindy Breslin, Devyn Breslin, Suzanna Luttrell, Leasa Graves, Anthony Graves, Larry Haenel and Tad Wakefield.

**Reading of the minutes** The minutes from last month's meeting were not ready so they will be read at the January meeting.

**President's Report:** Mindy reported that she attended the Parents Clubs Presidents' meeting with Sharon Liddell and they had a productive discussion. Items discussed were the freshman transitions program, the possibility of student internships with local businesses, the lack of money for GATE, and the possibility/feasibility of moving the open enrollment period from November to January.

She also delivered a report to the school board in November.

**Vice-President's Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy presented the current Financial Statement. Our balance is \$10,687.11.

There was a brief discussion regarding our insurance liability bill, which is due. Leasa Graves motion to approve the additional \$9 expenditure for the bill, which was \$199. (\$190 had been budgeted.) Suzanna seconded. The motion was approved.

**Principal's Report:** Sally reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night on November 14 went well with 60+ visitors in attendance. (Our next Parent Night will be February 15.) Earlier that day, students from POCS and Mark West visited our campus. On November 16, PHS hosted GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) Day, which was a big success. And, in honor of our GIS program, Piner received the Golden Bell award from the CA School Board Association as one of the outstanding student programs in the state. Finally, on November 18 we had the Academic Spirit Rally.

Upcoming events include:

- the CA League of High Schools dinner in honor of Kristi Erickson to be held this Friday at Villa Chaunticleer in Healdsburg.
- a career day for seniors in the spring; Rick Aistrope and Amy Schlueter will be the event's organizers.
- breaking ground for the new GIS/Space Science building in May/June. The facilities report goes before the board in January.

**Membership Report:** No report.

**Student Rep Report:** Andrew Jones reported that the ASB canned food drive is wrapping up with over 800 cans collected thus far. Also, ASB will be delivering toys from the PHS toy drive to Monroe Elementary School on Thursday. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> year of the program and it is hugely popular.

ASB is looking for a way to recognize the superb achievement of our cross country team, which placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. This is quite achievement for our school --- he will report back in January with ASB's decision.

Andrew made a request from PTSA for \$100 to donate to the toy drive to help offset the cost of purchasing toys. There was a brief discussion and a motion was made to fund the request. Susanna motioned that PTSA donate \$100 to the program and Leasa seconded. The motion passed.

**Public Comments/Discussion Items:** Andre Poulsen reported out on the marquee research. He received several quotes for a marquee that would be about 2 feet wider and 1 foot taller with LED lights. They ranged in cost from about \$24,000 to \$36,000. Sponsorship to help fund this project was discussed with the possibility of having sponsors pay for a rotating digital display or permanent display. Sally reminded us of the need to get school board approval for sponsors. Everyone agreed that this project idea should be pursued and there was much enthusiasm from the group.

Leasa lead a discussion about the possibility of recognizing Simone Spearman as last year's winner of the CA League of High Schools Teacher of the Year for both our region and the state. She said that we should do this retroactively and there was general agreement from the group. She also wanted to publicly recognize the work of Steve Mizera in arranging one her students from Mark West Charter to take geometry at Piner. This 8<sup>th</sup> grader is benefiting from this outreach and she is thankful that the student is receiving this needed instruction.

There was a discussion to present Simone with a gift card and card as recognition for her award. Leasa motioned that we allocate \$25 for a gift card. Andrew seconded. The motion passed.

Before closing the meeting, both Larry Haenel and Tad Wakefield offered their appreciation for all the fine work being done at Piner and the PTSA. Both were impressed the progress the school has made in the last few years and felt that Piner was receiving some much-deserved recognition for all of its hard work.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. in the Piner Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coster