

Pacer Parents Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors (Electronic Version)
May 23, 2011, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Bob Gilbert, Mike Moore, Kelly Troike, Marci Kessel, Paul Shearer, Liz Hartman, Marla Ross, Linda Poggi, Lauren Hughes, Michelle Kitto, Stacy Freyer, Holly Morris, Lisa Cooper, Christy Ackerman, Kristy Blizzard

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Finance: Review of the past Pacer Parents year including amounts raised and expended. World Language Lab and new computers were the larger items. The approximate amount of outstanding requests was also given. (Detailed financial information was given, which is outside the scope of the electronic version of Board Minutes.)

Directory: Christy Ackerman is going to remove the "householding" in the Directory next year. The listing will be just like the Waluga format with everyone listed individually, which gives each student a "pure" alphabetical listing, first and last name. Only slightly more paper is used per book, since space is gained with narrower listings.

Website: The Website will be more interactive next year and we are looking into getting online purchasing of memberships and donations to the various groups under the Pacer Parents umbrella through an online payment system.

PEERS: Next event is the Merit Awards. They are cutting the checks for the Seniors; distribution is June 9.

Choir Parents: Choir concert next week.

TAPS: Marla Ross reported. TAPS is new; handles very little money. It is different from Choir or Band in that they don't raise money for the Drama teacher to use for theater, but to supplement the theater classes. Students attend live theater presentations. Contracting some master classes for after school activities.

Beautification: Linda Poggi would like to reinvigorate landscaping around the school. Parents have been looking at doing this for years. They will be working through Dr. Lehman, would like to involve parents to do the labor and have landscaping and plantings that live year-round ready for graduation. Kathy Shroyer is working on this project. Kelly suggested National Honor Society members all want volunteer time. Shoot the dates to Kelly.

Technology: Paul Shearer gave us an update on Technology. An additional grant has been obtained to allow us to increase the number of computers in all labs from 30 to 36. Paul recommends that we continue to solicit corporate donations as well as auction donations. The World Language Lab software has been ordered; maintenance costs are being worked out. The C++ programming class was discontinued for next year, so Paul Shearer recommends replacing expensive individual Adobe licenses with the less expensive 500 site license for Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Master Collection. It has a lower annual maintenance fee, covers all computers in the school, and has no additional future upgrade fees. Paul showed us a way to calculate our return on investment in number of student hours of *instruction* per dollar spent. The priorities for 2011-2012 are teacher printers and lab upgrades. We are postponing art class computers, science sensors, teacher stations, science lab, flat screens. (The budget was then discussed, and detailed amounts were presented, which are available to members at Pacer Parents Club meetings or through the Finance Committee.) Teacher computers provide a return of 500 student

instruction hours per dollar spent.

Officers Elected: Unanimously. The Board of Directors for 2011-2012 are as follows: Co-Presidents Kelly and Paul Troike, Vice-President Liz Hartman, Secretary Marci Kessel, Treasurer Stacy Freyer, Assistant Treasurer Holly Morris.

Kelly Troike thanked everyone, really loves the PEERS program – talking about the theme for next year being connections. Parents feel a bit of a disconnect as they come from Waluga or as new parents. If they feel connected, their ideas and energy will work to support the school and prepare for the future.

Back to School Night: Robert Caplinger needs to check with the elementary schools so that BTS nights are not all on the same night. Generally LHS BTS night is not the same as Waluga. Having one booth or table with all the information was discussed, as was the collection of forms.

Spirit Wear: Will be available at BTS night. It was discussed that it would be nice to have it at Registration. A discussion about Registration included the following comments: Students want to go on their own, without parents. Three checks are needed, instead of one, and parents always seem to forget that. Many parents still think that the Directory is prepared by LHS Staff. We need to communicate these things to 8th grade parents, let them know ahead of time.

Toward the end of August, a short barbecue is planned at the Troike's. The first meeting is planned for Back to School Night. Stacy Freyer explained that Pacer Parents has a number of accounts that use the PPC Tax ID number, but some don't share their financial statements, for example the Golf association is not under Athletics, but PPC. The Finance Committee is working on a complete list of financial accounts under Pacer Parents Club organization. POPS, PEERS, Choir, TAPS, and PAC are all under PPC's tax "umbrella." Taxes were due in July, 2010 with extensions, but we now need to work on both 2010 and 2011. Holly Morris will chart all groups into an accurate org chart. Lauren Hughes will contact Choir.

Upon adjournment, Paul Shearer will give a one minute tour of the Robotics lab and the B2 computer lab. Michelle Kitto mentioned that the first PEERS meeting of the year are typically the Freshman Parent Panels, usually at noon and 7 PM. This year they are scheduled for Noon on September 7 and 7PM on September 8. We may be able to do Tuesday and Wednesday instead.

There was a short Auction discussion surrounding the date, and should it be kept toward January? Paul pointed out that money raised in October gets spent.

Lisa Cooper will serve as Junior Class representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Hartman/ for the Secretary

Electronic Version Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Ackerman