



Issaquah School District

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Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus
Site Council Minutes - Approved
March 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Dana Bailey at 2:46 pm. The following were present: Susan Lammers, Karin Allen, Ruth Thompson, Steve Simpson, Mary Beth Jones, Mara Brashem, Lisa Brashem, Megan Chadderton, Beth Metcalf, John Lynn

Minutes: February minutes were approved as corrected.

New Business:

Levy Development Committee Member – Dana Bailey

- Dana put a request out for a volunteer to serve as a PCFC representative on the Levy Development Committee – this committee will meet and advise the Superintendent as he prepares a recommendation for the School Board to approve levy issues for the February 2010 ballot.
- Susan Lammers volunteered and will keep Site Council informed

Semi-Formal and School Related Dances – Dana Bailey

- Future school dances are under consideration due to problems at TOLO
- Students arrived to TOLO late and left early
- Only 300 tickets were sold
- About 50 students stayed until the end of the dance
- Alcohol related issues with before and after parties
- A lot of time, energy and expense for very little participation
- Money spent by students on dresses, dinner, limo's not age appropriate
- DJ was not the one hired – original had to cancel at last minute
- Student Senate met and voiced the following complaints:
 1. Freak dancing is not allowed – students feel they should be able to dance the way they want
 2. Teacher chaperones make them uncomfortable, they feel funny dancing the way they want knowing the teachers are watching
 3. Event needs to be appropriate for all
 4. Students have a desire for a shared common experience but the dance was a let down
 5. Rules about dancing are different at PCFC than the other high schools, there is more freedom at SHS and IHS

Suggestions: Dana is committed to providing a high quality, age appropriate, safe event for PCFC students

- Have socials instead of TOLO or Semi-Formal
- All school event at Bullwinkles
- An all school survey went out to all students – answers and suggestions will be tallied.
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Principal's Report – Dana Bailey

- Health On-Line class is up and ready to go
- Students who want to take a year long elective have the option of taking this course to complete their health requirement for graduation
 1. Cost is \$300.00
 2. Open to incoming 9th graders and current 9th graders
 3. First come, first serve basis
- Software Tech – DLC is a test pilot
 1. Ready in the fall
- Software Tech Challenge Test for 8th and 9th graders are posted on the district website – passing this test allows students to satisfy their graduation requirement without taking Software Tech

WASL

- 9th graders were not allowed to take the WASL this spring because next year's test will be different

Core 24

- One year of math has been added to graduation requirements for the class of 2013
- In two years, Geometry will be the 9th grade math
- Students will take Algebra for two years at a slower pace before entering 9th grade

Expanding Your Horizons

- Some PCFC female students attended the Expanding Your Horizons Fair at Bellevue Community College – focus was on options open to women

Academics –

Science – John Lynn

- Science teachers are working on a common assessment for all students
- 32 Active Expressions have been received from Tech Levy monies
- Students can text answers using this device and teachers can monitor students to see who understand and who needs extra help

Math – Dana Bailey

- Math series is being re-evaluated, there is a new state mandated math standard
- New curriculum will be ordered
- T1 Inspire – new graphing calculator has been ordered for students
- Teachers can monitor where students are in the unit, who's on track, who needs help

English – Beth Metcalf

- English teachers have been meeting separately from World Studies teachers to determine how to teach thesis to students
- Working on organization
- Scope & Sequence – Middle schools are getting close to finishing a draft of the reading and writing Scope & Sequence
- Trying to create a working draft for 9 thru 12 grades

- English classes are finishing Things Fall Apart
- Shakespeare actors at PCFC starting April 20th for the start of Romeo and Juliet

LRC1 – Steve Simpson

- Working on a new Safety Net IEP Application which will generate more money for the Special Ed department through out the district

Foreign Language – Ruth Thompson

- Need a clear set of ELR's and GLE
- It's a work in progress
- Ordered a book of the state ELR's
- Goal is to have Spanish 1 through out the district have the same core skills
- Japanese students attended the Japanese Skit & Speech contest in Seattle

Music – Dana Bailey

- Choir, Band and Orchestra students all competed in the East shore Festival
- All 3 groups received 1's, the highest rating!

NJROTC – Dana Bailey

- April 1 is the AMI – major inspection of unit

Classified Staff – Mary Beth Jones

- The Bookkeeper is gearing up for the Loose Change to Loosen Chains fundraiser which starts in April
- The band "Barcelona" is playing at PCFC on April 3rd as a kick off for this fundraiser
- Proceeds will go to Children's Hospital and to free modern-day slaves
- Counseling department is working on entering all schedules for incoming 9th graders

ASB Report – Mara Brashem

- Talent Show is Friday, 3/27/09
- ASB is trying to improve our morning TV announcements
- Starting a Riddle Box – once a week at lunch or on the morning announcements riddles will be read
- Announcing Wacky Facts and Crazy Washington Laws during morning announcements
- Honor Society is having a Movie Night, Friday, 3/27/09
- Inter High Council will have an outdoor movie night at PCFC in late May

PTSA Report – Susan Lammers

- Elections for next years officers are under way
- Teacher Appreciation will be the week of May 4th
- Susan Lammers - our PTSA Liaison received a Golden Acorn from Skyline
- Lisa Brashem – one of our Site Council Parent Representatives received a Golden Acorn from BLMS

- Lisa Hechtman – Principal of Skyline and Paula Phelps – Principal of Issaquah will be at the next PTSA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hollie Caley