

# GENERAL PTC MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2007

Present:

Mike Pacheco, *PTC President*  
Vicki Bolton, *PTC Vice-President*  
Sheila Lester, *PTC Treasurer*  
Diane Swanson, *PTC Secretary*

Faculty Present:

Erdinc Acar, *Executive Director*  
Mr. Karacelik  
Mr. Ocel  
Ms. Janes  
Mr. Pefley  
Ms. Ostoich

Parents Present:

Vicki Bolton	Nicole Hickman	Sheila Lester
Tom Mathews	Robin Gayer	Diane Swanson
Annette Hailing	Brady Janes	Jim Nord
Brian Farrally	Dawn Nedeiros	Koreen Nord
Stefanie Atkinson	Darlene Gaither	Janice Huntoon
Kim Romska	Wayne Gaither	Larry Layman

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.**

## **III. INTRODUCTION OF PTC OFFICERS**

Mr. Pacheco introduced the PTC officers, to wit: Mike Pacheco, President; Vicki Bolton, Vice President; Sheila Lester, Treasurer; and Diane Swanson, Secretary. Mr. Pacheco stated that the fundraising coordinator and the volunteer coordinator positions are still vacant. He said that three parents had expressed a desire to serve as the fundraising coordinator, but he has not heard from them since the first meeting.

#### **IV. BBQ THANK YOU**

Mr. Pacheco thanked everyone for their help and support at the first annual PTC Welcome Back BBQ. The event was well received and there was a good turnout. Mr. Pacheco gave a special thank you to Mr. Acar for all of his efforts.

#### **V. TREASURER'S REPORT**

##### *a) Checking Account Status*

Sheila Lester gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that the PTC had \$13,412.98 in the PTC account. Of that amount, \$12,873.23 is Innisbrook funds, although she believes this amount will increase by a couple hundred dollars. Whatever the final total is, we will need to split it 50/50 with Innisbrook. So far we are looking at roughly \$6,706.49 that is committed for that purpose.

##### *b) Report on Uncommitted Funds*

Sheila reported that there will be approximately \$8,779.46 of uncommitted funds after paying Innisbrook.

Vicki Bolton stated that she spent \$24.00 to purchase recycle bins for the school. Mr. Pacheco stated that he also spent funds to purchase the laptop for the Innisbrook top seller.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

##### *a) Gym Project*

Mr. Acar informed the PTC that the special use permit was approved and that the blueprints are being completed. He said that CAS will start building when the building permits are issued. He said that there will also be a school beautification project to plant bushes, trees, etc. He said they might do an adopt-a-tree or something similar to help raise additional funds.

##### *b) Building Purchase*

Mr. Acar said that the building purchase is still moving forward. We should have some final word hopefully in November.

c) *Home Visit Program*

Mr. Acar said that the home visit program is moving along well. Currently, 40% of the teachers have committed to the program. Mr. Acar would like to see 50%. Mr. Idil, the home visit coordinator, said they have visited approximately 25% of the students.

d) *Parent Connect XP*

Mr. Acar reminded the PTC that Parent Connect XP is up and running. He said that parents can view student grades, homework assignments, attendance, etc. Each student was sent logon/password information to their address on file. If anyone is having problems using Parent Connect, they should contact Mrs. Frazier.

e) *Multicultural Dinner*

Mr. Acar announced the second annual multicultural dinner. This year the dinner will take place on November 28<sup>th</sup> (after Thanksgiving) and will feature the cuisine and culture of New Deli, India.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

a) *Revision to Volunteer Forms*

Mr. Pacheco informed the PTC that the volunteer forms are still in the process of being revised. Vicki Bolton circulated a rough draft that she has been working on. She told the PTC to feel free to give suggestions and comments to her.

b) *Holly Fest*

Mr. Pacheco told the PTC that the Holly Fest is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th, 2007, at the Washoe County Senior Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Mrs. Swanson or the PTC. More information will be provided next PTC meeting. He also told the PTC that this will serve as the December PTC meeting since the regularly scheduled meeting will be the day before the winter break.

c) *Monopoly Night*

Mr. Pacheco said that the PTC would host another Monopoly night this year. A date has not been set yet, although he would like to host the event in November. He will check with Ms. Garlock for available dates and let the

PTC know. He said that once again there will be a nominal entrance fee and the proceeds of the event will go to the PTC to support teachers, clubs, etc. The PTC is also looking for volunteers to help with this event. This event will probably be held at the Washoe County Senior Center.

There was a brief discussion about other possible event venues, *e.g.*, Trainer Middle School, O'Brien Middle School. Stefanie Atkinson, the drama club coach, said that she would check the availability and cost of using O'Brien Middle School as a possible location for future events.

*d) Recycle Bins*

Mr. Pacheco said that the PTC purchased recycle bins. Hopefully these bins will help to encourage students to recycle. Also, it can be used for a can drive and the monies can be allocated to clubs, etc.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

*a) Mr. Karacelik – MathCounts*

Mr. Karacelik introduced himself and talked briefly about the school's MathCounts class and team. This year, MathCounts is being taught as a zero period. This benefits students as they are not as tired as they are after school. This year there will be 8 different camps for the MathCounts team. There will be camps in Lake Tahoe, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Some of these camps will be competitive regional camps and there is the possibility of progressing to the National competition. There are medals that can be one at competitions such as gold, silver or bronze. Also, students on the high school team can earn high school credit. The first camp will be held the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Mr. Karacelik asked the PTC for \$1,000.00 for use with the camps. Some of the proceeds will also be used to purchase MathCounts books. These books are reusable. Mr. Karacelik said that the MathCounts will also do its own fundraising, but at this time there is no time to raise any funds for the upcoming October camp. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made to give Mr. Karacelik and MathCounts \$1,000.00 for use with the camps. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.**

*b) Mrs. Janes – Yearbook*

Mrs. Janes introduced herself and spoke about the yearbook and how it is being completed this year. This year the book is being put together by students as a club. The students have been working very hard on the book. The students have set three goals: 1) to put out the best yearbook possible, 2) to give free yearbooks to faculty and staff, and 3) to sell the yearbooks to staff

at a reduced price. There was a discussion about the cost of providing the yearbooks to faculty and staff. If the yearbooks are provided free of cost, it will be an expense of \$1,300.00. There was a brief opposition to the expense, but after an explanation from Ms. Ostoich as to the need for faculty/staff yearbooks, the opposition was quashed. Mrs. Janes said that they have begun taking preorders and that they are trying to raise money. They need to purchase digital cameras so that they do not have to borrow the schools' cameras. They are also selling ads for the yearbooks to help offset expenses. Any monies not used will be carried over for use with future yearbooks. She also said that they are once again working with Jostens and wanted to let the PTC know that students can submit their own candid photos for the yearbook. However, in order for those photos to be utilized, each student who is in the candid photo(s) must have a signed permission slip on file with the school. The permission slip was included in the enrollment package that each student completed when they entered the school. Parents, who are uncertain whether or not they signed a permission slip, can check with Mrs. Frazier. Mrs. Janes also said that there will be separate yearbooks for the elementary school and the middle school. The PTC said they would purchase a full page ad for \$500.00. After further discussion, **a motion was made to a lot \$1,300.00 to the yearbook club to give free copies of the yearbook to faculty/staff. The motion was seconded and passed.**

*c) Stefanie Atkinson – Drama Club*

Stefanie Atkinson introduced herself as the Drama Club coach and spoke briefly about the drama club and what they have planned for this school year. One of the things that they would like to do is perform “Wizard of Oz”. In order to do this, the drama club will need \$80.00 to purchase the performance rights. She said that the drama club will be holding some fundraisers as well. Ms. Atkinson also said that she would like to have a Saturday workshop that would have a professional actor, previously featured on a Nickelodeon’s “Wild and Crazy Kids”, hosting the workshop. This event could also be opened up to include other students in the area. There was some discussion that perhaps UNR might have students that could help with the event and maybe have more actors involved. Mr. Pefley thought maybe there could be a joint collaboration between the music department and the drama club for a future performance. **A motion was made to give the drama club \$80.00 to purchase the performance rights of “The Wizard of Oz”. The motion was seconded and passed.**

*d) Mr. Pefley – Music Dept. Update*

Mr. Pefley gave the PTC an update on the music department. He said that he was able to get all of the instruments repaired, however he could only

purchase 10 violins, not 20. He also said that the music department would not be attending the festival in San Francisco, but he will look into something more regional that a charter school can participate in. He said that the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be getting their instruments in late November or December. They are still on their music history section.

*e) Mr. Pefley – Traffic Control Issues*

Mr. Pefley then spoke about the traffic control issues at CAS. Although the cost of a speed bump is expensive, Mr. Pefley suggested installing pipes into the cement to help slow traffic down. He also asked parents not to stop in the through lane to drop off students. There was a suggestion that perhaps walkways could be painted for the students to use, but paint is also slippery in the winter. A parent mentioned that they have seen students on the roof of the building out in the front of the school as well.

*f) Senior Carnival*

Mr. Pacheco mentioned that the seniors are hosting a carnival on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The seniors and their advisors would like to have about 10 volunteers to help with the carnival. Anyone interested in helping with the carnival should contact Diane Swanson in the library.

*g) CAS Board of Directors Update – Darlene Khan, Board Member*

Darlene Gaither, a board member, introduced herself and gave a brief update of the CAS Board of Directors. She said that presently the Board has been increased from 5 members to 7 members. Meetings are scheduled every three months (quarterly) months, with the next meetings scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. She said that although the number of Board meetings cannot be increased, a special meeting can be called. Anyone wishing to speak at the Board meetings need to fill out a request to speak card. Darlene said that she will be attending the PTC meetings. If she cannot attend, Dr. Taban will attend.

*h) Mr. Ocel – Lifeskills*

Mr. Ocel introduced himself and spoke briefly about his Lifeskills class. Mr. Ocel said that he is looking for parents in specific professions to come and speak to his classes for about thirty minutes. He said he has been asking parents at his home visits and wanted to ask the PTC as well. Either a parent or someone they know if the specified fields are welcome to call Mr. Ocel and talk to him about speaking to his classes.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pacheco said that the PTC meets every second Thursday of each month except December, when the PTC meeting will be a brief part of the Holly Fest. **The next scheduled PTC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007.** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Diane M. Swanson  
PTC Secretary