

**PAWS/PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 14, 2010, 3:00 – 4:15**  
**Horizon High School Media Center**

**Those in Attendance:** Dr. Courson, Sue Snedden, Melissa Veit, Francine Cheswick, Sue Snedden, Donna Dietrich, Cindy Bagheri, Nati Sanchez

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Sue Snedden opened the meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Sue Snedden requested approval of the minutes. One revision to the minutes: *Known factors of decreasing enrollment are competition of the I.B. program at North Canyon and the electives program at Paradise Valley.* The minutes were approved with this change. For the purpose of the minutes, Sue announced that Nati Sanchez was voted in via e-mail to be Vice President.

**III. Principal's Report**

- The recent Prevention Program on sexting was a huge success. Any feedback from the community is welcomed.
- Counseling is in the process of registering students for next semester. Class occupancy will be determined the teacher counts. All registrations are due Monday 1/18 at 12:00 PM.
- Horizon student, Lingjin Zheng, is the only Arizona student that qualified for the semifinalists round of a most prestigious pre-college science competition, the Intel Science Talent Search.
- The student who was hit in the new crosswalk is okay and back at school. A new blinking light for this location is not an option due to the cost approximating at \$75-80,000.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Not much activity over the break. Reports attached.

**V. Volunteer Coordinator/School Tours Committee - absent**

**VI. Directory**

Cindy Bagheri reported that one additional copy of the directory was sold. In addition, copies were mailed to parents that had them returned because of address errors, along with an apology letter.

**VII. Prevention**

- Donna Dietrich reported on the success of the Sexting presentation and that it was standing room only!
- The team of 2 staff and 2 parents are headed to Colorado for the Love and Logic seminar. Will Mobley, School Psychologist, Linda Ihnat, Vice Principal, Karen Preul, Parent and Gail Tronzo, Parent, will attend and then form a committee to host an 8-week course at Horizon in March. The Prevention budget will cover the cost of the 2 parents to attend and will be

pulled from the excess Stay Alive funds that were not needed this year. The L/L class will cost between \$10 and \$15 dollars to cover materials.

- Prom Fact or Fiction will return again this year. It is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and called Prom: Keeping It Real.
- Donna and Kelly will be attending the Not My Kid luncheon on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker is Beth Holloway-Twitty the mother of Natalie Holloway.

### **VIII. Staff Appreciation - absent**

### **IX. Faculty and Staff Report**

Melissa Veit reported that Career Conversations will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> during 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> hour.

Parent Teacher conferences are on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Veit is encouraging her Senior classes to submit an essay for the PAWS scholarships. Her students will receive extra credit for doing it.

### **X. PAWS/Vice-President's Report**

- Nati Sanchez reported that PAWS approved a sixth grant to give out permanently. The six topics are Academics, Community Service, Fine Arts, Athletics, Overall Achievement "Pride of Horizon" and Comeback.
- PAWS Membership is up to 509 – this is a record.

### **XI. President's Report**

Sue reported that we will hold PTO elections in April. All board members should report back to Sue before the next meeting on if they plan to stay on the board. Open Positions will be announced at the February meeting so we can start recruiting.

### **XII. Other**

None

**Next Parent Forum:** Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.

**Next PTO Meeting:** Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the HHS Media Center

All parents, teachers, and staff are welcome to attend all PAWS and PTO Meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Snedden