

PHOENIX SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes May 11, 2010

Members Attending: Sandy Hanavan, Dawn Snyder, Debbie Treseder, Damaris Clayburn, Dena Crumb, Helen Watson, Melissa Sudheimer, Linda DeLa Rosa, Jim Snyder, Michela Hendrickson

Members Not Attending: Liz Lazzorini, Bev Ching, Susan Evans, Bill Ludwig, Kathy Walker-Ludwig, Patty Hayes, Jennifer Burgess

The committee discussed the calendar of events for the 2010-2011 school year. We talked about many ideas of what to keep, what to eliminate, how to improve different events and to combine some events. Some of the ideas/changes discussed were as follows:

Combine the Teacher Meet 'n Greet with Back to School Night – have it the second week of school, have a “teacher talk period” and then a time when parents can wander around and meet other teachers, etc. To have a volunteer sign up list at this event to make parents aware of volunteer opportunities both in the classroom and at our events.

Potluck Picnic - everybody loved this one. Suggestions were to provide (for a fee??) drinks and to put up shade tents on the turf. Have this event in September.

Harvest Festival – Get more volunteers, especially for cleanup! We also need to find a new Haunted House organizer – maybe Mr. Smith????

Festival of Lights – this was also a popular event. The suggestions were to have it in the middle school classrooms, to provide more space.

Daddy/Daughter Dance – continue to have this event in February. Whether to have a Mommy/Son event was discussed, but it was generally agreed that it was not necessary.

Musical Events – have just one musical event, similar to the Wizard of Oz that is separate from school (kids sign up for this and pay to participate afterschool).

Science Fair/Star Gazing – combine these events, make the science project mandatory for certain grades, move the event to Intel, have Intel employees judge. Have the event in April.

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction – have this event at the Folsom Community Center in March, try to get an organization to do the dinner portion. Have a raffle for most of the auction items, get more items from parents and local businesses, reduce or eliminate the teacher/class items, show the items at school before the event, sell raffle tickets at school before the event.

Tour Night/Open House – combine these events and have it on a weeknight.

Mini Feast/1st grade Tea Party – continue to have these events

Daddy Donut Day/Mommy Muffin Day – eliminate these events

Track and Field – continue to have as a replacement for end of year parties/field trips

Awards Banquet – continue to have and possible have more awards here, less at assemblies

SAT Week Breakfast – reinstate this popular event.

Charitable Work – it was generally agreed to try to make our charitable acts more personal and more local. It was suggested that we work more closely with Powerhouse Ministries and Twin Lakes Food Bank. We could do food/clothing drives, have the kids make blankets for the needy in Folsom, participate in the Angel Tree Gift/Dinner celebration (purchasing gifts for the children, students and parents helping out at the dinner), perhaps raising money for these organizations.

Assemblies/Awards – the issues of long assemblies and awards was discussed. Some thought that there should be less awards and that they would therefore be more valuable. Others thought that might be tough for Kindergartners. Splitting up the Pre-K and K to a separate assembly was discussed, but then some parents may have to come to 2 assemblies and cheer would have to perform for both. It was discussed that the May assembly could be shortened by having teacher and volunteer recognition at a different time.