

PSTO Minutes September 15, 2009

President Jacki Brennan called the meeting to order.

Minutes from May 12, 2009 meeting approved.

Program:

- Assistant Principal Francisco Pepin reported on current activities of SSIKE (Successful Students Inspired through Knowledge and Education); Diversity Dinner is scheduled for September 30. Raised possibility of holding more parent forums; looking for topic suggestions.
- Amy Raulerson, West High's new substance abuse counselor and prevention specialist, spoke about her role of supporting and educating students and families about substance abuse issues.

Student Senate Representative: Senior Michael Lipman spoke about upcoming Homecoming events.

Faculty: Brady Shutt

- Thanks to PSTO for funding items from last year's teacher wish list—in particular, the projectors and supplemental curriculum for the Social Studies department
- Invites all to parent-teacher conferences, to be held on Monday, Oct. 5 and Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 3:45 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria

Administrative Report: Jerry Arganbright

- Nice start to school year ; thanks to PSTO for help with registration.
- Reported that average ACT score for West High was 25.8; average statewide was 22.4.
- There are 19 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists from WH.
- Enrollment for 2009-10 school year is 1770. It is expected that by 2011-12, enrollment may reach 1950. Dr. Arganbright will post updates on the website as decisions are made about how to handle increasing enrollment.
- The school day runs from 8:05 a.m. until 3:20 p.m.
- The renovation of the entranceway is scheduled to be finished by October 31.

President: Jacki Brennan

- Thanks to the parents on the landscaping committee.
- City High celebrates their 70th anniversary on September 24; PSTO discussed ways we may want to acknowledge this milestone.

Vice President: Ellen Segar. No report.

Treasurer: Christy Fehlberg

- The budget is in process.
- Made a call for donations.

Secretary: Dnae Kinzie. No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: Patty McCarthy

- E-mail sent to all parents who signed up to volunteer.
- Patty will maintain a master list of volunteers.

Directory: Jennifer Noser

- 500 directories were printed at Alphagraphics by alumni father and son. Directory sells for \$5.

Staff Appreciation: Mary Mockitis.

- Food will be provided for the teachers at upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

Hospitality: Tracy Nye

- Hospitality will provide coffee, lemonade and cookies at parent-teacher conferences.
- Tracy will coordinate hospitality for college night.

Fine Arts: Pam Bourjaily

- 28 orchestra, band and vocal students will go to All –State.
- There will be an orchestra concert on October 2.
- Fall musical auditions will be held on September 29.

DPO: Terry O'Donnell Parsons

- ICCSD is in better fiscal shape than expected.
- There were 177 SINA transfers involving five schools.
- The district has hired a consultant to look at K-12 boundaries and make recommendations.
- The high school enrollment committee is expanding and collecting input.
- District enrollment for 2009-10 school year is approximately 11,500.

Club West: JoAnn Miller

- Help is needed with concessions for the last three football games.
- Volunteers are needed for stadium cleanup after the Hawkeye home football games.

Landscaping: JoAnn Miller

- Landscape work is winding down for the fall and will resume in the spring with work on the front entrance.

New Business: Jacki Brennan

- Volunteers and donations are needed for the Art Show, scheduled for the opening night of the fall play.
- PSTO budget discussions will be tabled until October.
- Vote to move the November PSTO meeting time to 5:30 p.m. to enable more people to attend.

Announcements: Jacki Brennan

- The Community Foundation of Johnson County is accepting applications for grants; see their website for more information.

Meeting adjourned

Attendees: Michael Lipman, Ellen Segar, Patty McCarthy, Jennifer Noser, Pam Bourjaily, Jenny Seylar, Rachel Stewart, Tracy Nye, LeAnn Otterbein, Carol McNamara, Terry O'Donnell Parsons, Lydia Peller, Reon Kim, Denise Grell, Paulina Muzzin, Christy Fehlberg, Mary Mockaitis, Jackie Chace, JoAnn Miller, Molly Abraham, Cynthia Ukah, Brady Shutt, Jerry Arganbright, Francisco Pepin, Amy Raulerson, Karla Grimsman, Jacki Brennan, Dnae Kinzie

Respectfully submitted, Dnae Kinzie

