

PAC Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Attendance: Linda Sharp, Lisa Klenske, Rowena Tan, Jill Bergman, William Callahan, Margaret Prophet, Mary McDade, Marlene Hills, Julie Creeden, Bob Martin, Dave Smith, Guy Sims.

- I. Meeting begins @ 7:03 P.M.
- II. January 10, 2006 minutes approved.
- III. Topic: Update from Administration - Smith
  - Calendar: Draft distributed to Committee. Has to go before faculty. Callahan and most faculty have previewed document.
  - Legislation – Callahan
    - Legislation is before the House and Senate proposing an increase in hours for the school year. PLS has 107 hours more than Cedar Falls schools. If legislation goes through, will have to figure out where 100 hours should be added. Thought is to keep students in school longer to improve performance.
  - Concern: Wednesday Night Activities: There was a parental concern over the amount of homework and activities on Wednesday night (church night). Callahan agreed to look into this. There is a passage on the Holmes Junior High website regarding this matter.
  - Concern: MySpace.com: The MySpace site was brought up. A Waterloo police officer who specializes in this area is invited to speak about the dangers of such sites. Will follow up with an e-mail to parents regarding this matter.
  - Family Consumer Science Program: In the process of collaborating with other schools to see if PLS can get more offerings of vocational programs. Do not know what it will look like or if it will happen.
  - Overview of the number and nature of current faculty and staff positions: There is the hope that additional positions will become tenure-track in the future, but budgetary considerations make things uncertain at present.
  - Overview of standardized test score performance: Although test results are understandably characterized by occasional dips and peaks, generally, PLS students perform rather well on standardized tests, with most indicators above national and state averages.
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Sims  
Secretary