

PAC Minutes  
May 2, 2006

Attendance: Todd Lawrence, Kris Lawrence, Maria Basom, Bee Sell, Kim Miller, Kate Martin, Rowena Tan, Sheila Scanlon, Jill Langford, Laura Terlip, Margaret Prophet, Marlene Hills, Julie Creeden, Bob Martin, Chad Swanson, Jim Miller, Dave Smith, and Guy Sims.

- I. Meeting begins at 7:05 P.M.
- II. February minutes approved.
- III. Election of new members
  - Laura Turlip, Guy Sims, and Ken Bleile
- IV. Topic: Update from Administration
  - University has not released details as to future budget cuts. The Lab School should be able to continue to do business as normal this next fiscal year. Positions needed for next year will be filled. The Board of Regents (BOR) might possibly give additional funds, which translates into less cuts.
  - It is imperative to make more connections with people across the state. There is a thought for the Lab School to become Iowa's Laboratory School, with Teacher Education to be at the forefront of everything done at the school.
  - Areas of Good Progress: Elementary programs-Citizenship; Co-teaching; Beginning Reading Program. Middle School – At the forefront of talks on Middle School Reform. High School – High School Reform; Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship push. PLS is contacted by people across the state and recognized as a leader in this effort.
  - Activity level is very high.
  - Enrollment projections: Looks about the same, expected growth of 3-5%; More applications are coming in; Revision in the application process.
- V. Topic: National Honor Society Process – Laura Terlip
  - Laura presented to the PLS/NU PAC the report on the National Honor Society Policies and Procedures. Five recommendations were submitted to the committee:
    1. Faculty members should review the existing definition of leadership used in the NHS application and selection process and the way it is communicated to students, parents, and other faculty.
    2. Develop and implement the use of an evaluation rubric for faculty members who provide feedback to the committee on leadership and character.
    3. NU faculty should review the process used by the NHS selection committee and implement any changes needed to clarify and communicate decisions more effectively.
    4. Methods to be developed to communicate all of this information to students in a timely fashion.
    5. Making the application materials, selection process, evaluation instruments, and other materials easily accessible on-line.
  - Motion made and carried to endorse report.
- VI. MPLS 20/20 – Chad Swanson
  - This group is designed to set a vision for PLS in the future. A motion to endorse the formation of the MPLS 20/20 group was carried.
- VII. Parental feedback in the evaluation of coaches
  - Parental end is not yet completed; student end is complete; Worked on expectation for all coaches and this will be sent to all parents.
- VIII. Driver's Education

- There was a question as to having a Driver's Education program at PLS. Could it possible be an elective? There is a summer Driver's Ed. Program but this topic will receive further consideration.

IX. Sports with only one or two athletes

- In this case, it is imperative that the coaches know the training schedules for these students and that they do not train alone.

X. AFPLS Grants Announcements

- The 2006-06 AFPLS Grants awarded as such:
  1. Classroom Maps – Social Studies - \$416.95
  2. Skatetime Schools – Physical Education – 350.00
  3. Recreational Math Club – Math – 140.00
  4. Building Bridges – Library – 161.25
  5. Video Camera – Theater/Speech – 350.00
  6. Guitar Club – 200.00
  7. Literacy Center Games – Unit II – 150.00
  8. CD Recorder – Music – 780.00
  9. Peer Helpers – 75.00
  10. Franklin Spellers – Elementary – 450.00

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Sims  
Secretary