



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## August 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Mary Yenney, Chris Menter, Shelley Bull, Renee Bafus, Tamra Smith, Janet Schetzle, and Dianna Smith

### **Committee Reports**

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Boosters are in their annual membership drive and that a Booster appreciation function is scheduled for September 15 although there will be more discussion about the date at the next Booster meeting on Sunday due to some scheduling conflicts.

**Teacher Appreciation** – No report.

**Renaissance** – No report.

**Graduation** – A new member needs to be assigned to act as the graduate committee liaison, but it will wait until the parents have met in September or October to be determined; Tamra was suggested as a likely candidate with the help of Janet and Mary. The date and time for graduation will also be determined from the committee, but will occur on May 28 or 29.

### **Topics from Principal**

- Brad went over various changes and areas of the student handbook to bring attention to certain school regulations and policies including the new athletic code, cell phone policy, and dress code.
- Student schedule pickup will be on August 25; seniors at 8 am, juniors at 9 am, sophomores at 10 am, freshmen at 11 am. Junior High Orientation will take place on August 27 at 6pm.
- Open House/Back to School night will be held on September 2 beginning at 6pm. The PAC members suggested an open house style event without a bell schedule so that parents could visit with teachers at their own pace.
- Brad reminded the committee that there are daily announcements at the school so if anyone has anything please let him know.
- The first home athletic events will be as follows: Volleyball Jamboree August 25, Cross Country September 3, Football September 4, JV Football September 14, and Jr High Football September 24.
- If anyone has suggestions for new PAC members, especially incoming 7th grade parents let Brad know and he will contact them about joining.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: September 3, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## October 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Mary Yenney, Chris Menter, Tamra Smith, Janet Schetzle, Nancy McElroy, and Dianna Smith

### **Committee Reports**

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Boosters are finishing their annual membership drive; that the appreciation dessert function had a decent turnout; and that \$2000 was awarded to football for new helmets and shoulder pads.

**Teacher Appreciation** – No report.

**Renaissance** – No report.

**Graduation** – Janet has been appointed liaison for PAC. There will be a parent meeting on October 14 at 7pm and one of the items will be to discuss the graduation date, May 28 or May 29, and time. Herff-Jones handed out packets to seniors to order their products (invitations, etc...) that are due in by October 15 (tentatively). Janet noted that tassels should not be ordered from them as that will be done as a class later. The seniors may be ordering sweatshirts if they can get at least 20 paid requests.

### **Topics from Principal**

#### **1) Staff**

- Mr. McFall and Mr. Bruns have UI graduate students, Nick Fordes and Jennifer Boi respectively, working with their science classes this year. They are providing hands-on approach in the classroom to teach science.
- Mr. Braun was selected as the 2009-10 Region 2 ag science teacher of the year by the Idaho Science Teachers Association and Mr. McFall was selected as Idaho's Outstanding Science Teacher by Idaho State University and the Micron Foundation. Both are receiving their awards in Boise today, October 1, 2009.
- October 1 and 2 are state teacher in-service days and many of the teacher will be attending classes around the state.

#### **2) Students**

- Junior high volleyball practice will begin on October 5.
- Homecoming week is October 5-9; Monday-Celebrity Day, Tuesday-Roaring 20's Day, Wednesday-Disney Day, Thursday-Jungle Day, Friday-Spirit Day. There will be various activities all week and the homecoming dance will be on Saturday, October 10 from 9pm-12am.
- Fall ISAT testing will be done October 12-16; sophomore will be tested plus any juniors and seniors who have not yet scored proficient, although sophomores cannot bank their scores until the spring testing. Spring testing will be for grades 7, 8, 9, and 10.
- FFA competed in district soils in Genesee on September 29; the senior team placed second overall and will be traveling to Burley for state October 12-14; the junior team placed first overall and 11 individual students placed in the top 20 high scoring individuals. Darcy Regan and Kayla Griffin will attend the National FFA convention will be October 20-25 in Indianapolis.

- District Volleyball will be held October 17, 19, 20, and 22 at LCSC.
- District Cross Country will be held October 22 at Circling Raven Golf Course in Worley.
- First round football playoffs will be either November 6 or 7; second round will be November 13-14.
- Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup will be October 29, which is an early release day; any and all students are welcome to volunteer for this community service.

### 3) *Student Recognition*

- September's friendliest students were: Stormy Bedard, Mathew Kraemer, Kalissa Van Houten, and Jordan Nelson.
- October's most dramatics students are: Anna Schetzle, Kellen Hoskins, Alexa Nelson, and Kray Halseth.
- Darcy Regan was recognized as an academic all-star and Marshall Williams as the prep athlete of the week by KLEW TV.

4) On October 14, the PSAT will be given during the day for interested juniors and seniors.

### 5) *Feedback Issues*

- The Northwest accreditation visit will be October 22 and 23; they may be interested in meeting with some parents so let Brad know if you would be available either of those days.
- There has been some informal feedback on the new athletic eligibility regulations which all appears to be positive; many have noticed that students appear to be more diligent in maintaining and checking on their grades.
- PASS was updated which allows the teachers to upload their grade information directly so it should remain current; let Brad know if there are any concerns.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held October 27 and 28 from 4-8pm. The suggested format was open without appointments but limit meetings to 15 minutes and teachers should put a notice on their doors if they step away to inform parents when they will return. Postcards will be sent out reminding parents and staff will be asked to abide by these rules.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: November 5, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## November 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Kyle Nelson, Janet Schetzle, Dianna Smith, Kelly Johnson, Chris Menter, Nancy McElroy, Shelley Yama, Tamra Smith, Shelley Bull, Mary Yenney

### Committee Reports

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Boosters will be meeting this Sunday, therefore there are no further updates. Mary suggested that the Boosters consider something similar to what the Potlatch Booster Club does by selling BBQ dinners at each home game. Shelley Bull also indicated the Potlatch Booster Club has taken over the concessions selling.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Kyle said he will start bringing treats occasionally for the teacher, but welcomes any ideas and suggestions for other things. There was a mention of doing something for the upcoming holidays also.

**Renaissance** – Kelly reported that Chris and Wendy Frederickson joined her on November 3 in Lewiston for the Idaho Lottery's Scratch for Schools event earning \$329 for THS. Chris and Wendy scratched their way to the second round by being in the top 7 of over 40 represented schools earning 600 tickets to scratch.

**Graduation** – Janet confirmed that graduation will be May 29 at 2pm. The Herff-Jones graduation orders are due by November 6 and there is a meeting at Brenda Griffin's house tonight to plan for the lock-in event. Tamra asked if the commencement programs could have notations by the names of students who attend Troy schools all 12 years; Brad said this could be considered.

### Topics from Principal

#### 1) *Staff*

- November 13 is an in-service day and Dr. Bradberry will have a district-wide presentation and staff will be learning more about implementing student-led conferences which will be done for the seventh-grade this spring. Staff will also discuss the results of the recent accreditation review.

#### 2) *Students*

- Students have been participating in various community service activities such as the highway litter pickup on October 29, various trips to the Food Bank to assist with unloading supplies, and the Volleyball team participating in a match that was a fundraiser for breast cancer.
- The 2009-10 Knowledge Bowl schedule was provided.
- Cross Country participated in the state tournament at Circling Raven Golf Course and held their awards banquet on November 3.
- Volleyball placed third at state and will hold their awards banquet on November 12.
- Football will hold their awards banquet on November 18.
- Basketball practice for the girls began on November 2 and the boys will begin on November 13.
- FFA will be participating in Crops, Creed, and Extemporaneous Speech in Craigmont on November 6.

- Report cards will be given to students today and for those students with a 3.50 or higher GPA, the honor roll lunch will be held on November 11.
- The ASVAB, a voluntary exam to determine interests and competencies, will be given to juniors on November 17.
- Thanksgiving break will be November 25-27 (no school on Wednesday).

3) *Student Recognition*

- November's most creative students are: Trini Michael, Dylan Swanson, Olivia Atwood, and Zack Yama.

4) *Feedback Issues*

- Brad thanked the PAC members who visited with the Northwest Accreditation team. The team met with all teachers and a group of students. Their report should be ready by next week, which will be used to update the school action plan based upon the recommendations.
- Paper progress reports will be phased out since the PASS system is providing the information. However, any parent wanting paper reports may still request them from the school. A letter explaining this will be sent to all parents.
- Parent-teacher conferences had a good turn-out. The only problem was that a few teachers were difficult to meet with as they were attending IEP meetings that conflicted with conference time; Brad confirmed that this would be addressed in the future.
- On November 6, the nasal H1N1 vaccine will be given at the Elementary school for students, ages 5-9, who have signed permission forms. These students will also receive the necessary second dose in about a month. The plan is to have the vaccine available to all district students who want it by mid-December. Information and permission slips will be sent to out. Brad noted that THS has had substantial absences this year as others have experienced.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: December 3, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## December 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Kyle Nelson, Janet Schetzle, Kelly Johnson, Chris Menter, Nancy McElroy, Shelley Yama, Tamra Smith, Mary Yenney

### **Committee Reports**

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Boosters are planning their Booster Bounce basketball tournament for mid-March, finalized the memberships, reviewed a funding request for a mascot costume, and adopted their updated by-laws.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Kyle asked for volunteers to bring holiday treats for the teachers one day before the break. Volunteers were identified and Monday, December 14 is the day.

**Renaissance** – Kelly reported that she will be submitting a donation request to Tri-State since they are due by December 31 and will start others in the spring.

**Graduation** – Janet reported that the Herff-Jones items should arrive next week, although the class sweatshirts will be a couple more weeks. The seniors are holding a dessert social and concert (Shiloh Sharrard) fundraiser for sober graduation on December 9, 7pm at the Lions Club. Someone will contact the senior parents organizing this event to remind them about doing free radio advertising.

### **Topics from Principal**

#### *1) Staff*

- Brad attended statewide evaluation training to learn the Charlotte Danielson model in order to comply with state requirements to evaluate teachers. This model will replace the currently outdated one. School administration, school board, and teachers will develop the specifics for the district model which will be piloted next year and implemented the following year.

#### *2) Students*

- National Honor Society is fundraising by doing bake sales every Thursday and Friday this month and collecting box tops for a library donation.
- The girls home basketball game against Culdesac was changed from December 10 to December 7; JV will play only two quarters.
- The winter concert will be held December 10 at 7pm.
- Senior financial aid night will be held December 16 at 6pm.

#### *3) Student Recognition*

- December's most considerate students are: Nichole McKown, Tell Hites, Claire Mayo, and Kody Mooney.

#### 4) *Feedback Issues*

- There will be a free H1N1 flu vaccination clinic for students on December 4 from 1-3pm at TES. Students must have a signed permission slip to receive the vaccine; older students will most likely be receiving the injection while younger students the nasal spray.
- Brad shared an overview of the report from the Northwest Accreditation team. He explained the benefits of being an accredited school, membership procedures, the areas of evaluation, and an overview of the report. The report was very positive and provided some suggestions on areas of improvement. One of the areas of improvement was to provide parents and students more timely information regarding scholarship, career, and testing information. PAC suggestions regarding this were to provide more information on the website, have a meeting in the spring with juniors and their parents to prepare them for what to expect in the upcoming year, and use email as a method of communicating information and reminders to parents.

Chris Menter, Secretary  
Next meeting: January 7, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## January 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Renee Bafus, Mary Yenny, Janet Schetzle, Dianna Smith, Nancy McElroy, Tamra Smith, Chris Menter

### **Committee Reports**

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Boosters are planning their Booster Bounce basketball tournament for March 12-14. The Boosters need volunteers to work various jobs during the tournament so anyone interested in helping out can attend the next meeting January 31 at 7pm or contact a Booster.

**Teacher Appreciation** – No report, but Renee indicated that the teachers all appreciated the goodies provided in December.

**Renaissance** – No report.

**Graduation** – Janet indicated that there are no updates for now as things are just moving along.

### **Topics from Principal**

#### 1) *Staff*

- Friday, January 22 is a teacher workday and the teachers will discuss the accreditation visit and develop action plans from the report.
- There will be a book fair January 13-15 with all proceeds going to the Library.

#### 2) *Students*

- Semester finals will be January 15-21; the schedule is available on the website and at the school.
- Girls district basketball tournament will be held at LCSC February 1, 3, 6, 8, and 10 and the state tournament will be February 18-20 at Columbia High School. Boys district tournament, also at LCSC, will be February 15, 20, 23, and 25 and the state tournament March 3-6 at Vallivue High School. District tournaments for both girls and boys take only the top eight teams in the league.
- BPA will have 27 students participating in regional competition on January 22 at LCSC. Student will enjoy pizza and bowling after the competition.
- The ACT will be given on February 6 at 8am.
- Zach Kraemer, Marcus Noble, Shyanne Morgan, Melissa Mayo, Rachel Styer, and Claire Mayo participated in the UI Holiday Concert on December 17. Melissa Mayo has also been selected for All-State Choir to be held in Nampa in March.
- Results from the November 6 FFA event were shared.

#### 3) *Student Recognition*

- January's best student leaders are: Bonnie Dunworth, Ben Schumacker, Darci Reagan, and Jacob Chambers.



#### 4) *Feedback Issues*

- Brad noted that there was a meeting with counselor regarding the feedback from PAC and the accreditation report and that an email list of all senior parents has been implemented to share scholarship information.
- There have been no known complaints that progress reports are not being provided hard-copy to students. Parents can still contact the school if they need the paper copies.
- The district newsletter/calendar is also available online; paper copies can be requested from the District Office.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: February 4, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee February 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Mary Yenney, Kyle Nelson, Janet Schetzle, Nancy McElroy, Tamra Smith, Chris Menter

## **Committee Reports**

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Boosters are continuing work on the Booster Bounce basketball tournament and that volunteers are still needed to help out.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Kyle wanted the committee to start thinking about teacher appreciation week which will be the first week in May. Mary (Nelson) will be organizing and will need volunteers.

**Renaissance** – No report.

**Graduation** – Janet reported that donations are just beginning to come in for the all-night party and the counselor will be sending an email to parents next week with date reminders.

## **Topics from Principal**

### 1) *Staff*

- The teachers met on the January 22 staff workday to discuss the recommendations from the accreditation visit and updated the action plan. Some of the main items from the action plan are:
  - Getting more parent participation in conferences; teachers will be making phone calls to parents to encourage attendance.
  - Student led conferences will be postponed and begin in the fall 2010.
  - There are hopes to purchase another mobile classroom and increase wireless connectivity in the building for enhanced technology.

### 2) *Students*

- BPA had six students qualify for state competition to be held in Boise March 12.
- Girl's district basketball is currently underway.
- Whitney Fredrickson won the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest and was honored in December.
- An eighth grade dance will be held February 5.
- The ACT will be given February 6.
- Progress checks will be February 12.
- Drama will be doing a presentation February 16.
- Knowledge Bowl will compete in regional competition February 18.
- A group from the Jazz Festival will perform on February 23.
- Spring sports will begin practice on February 26. There will be A, B, and C schedules, which affect the order of 5th, 6th, and 7th periods, on days with sports events so that the same class is not missed for every event.

### 3) *Student Recognition*

- February's most spirited students are: Brittany Hosley, Clint Sandquist, Erin Schetzle, and Cayden Dimmick.
- Taylor Johnson was honored as a KLEW Academic All Star in December.

### 4) *Feedback Issues*

- The student handbook is in progress of being updated. There are two areas that are being clarified:
  - Discipline for use of communication devices for pictures or filming will be discretionary based on the situation instead of loss of the device for the year.
  - Weapons will be better defined as they are in federal law.
- The state has imposed a new rule for junior high students that they must earn credits in order to progress to the next grade; students will be required to pass 80% or 12 of 14 credits per year.
- An icon link to PASS will be added to the school computers for easy access over the summer.

Chris Menter, Secretary  
Next meeting: March 4, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## March 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Mary Yenney, Janet Schetzle, Nancy McElroy, Tamra Smith, Diana Smith, Kelly Johnson, Shelley Yama, Chris Menter

### Committee Reports

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Booster Bounce is this weekend, funds for a sliding mat were approved for softball and that the mascot costume has finally been ordered.

**Teacher Appreciation** – No report.

**Renaissance** – Kelly will be sending out solicitation letters this weekend.

**Graduation** – Janet reported things will begin to get going again now that basketball season is over; games need to be planned and shopping done; there is about \$1,300 in the account for the party. The senior field trip day will be planned by the class advisors. Students are discouraged from participating in a self-planned senior sneak day as it would result in a truancy if it is not an excused absence by parent request.

### Topics from Principal

#### 1) Staff

- Staff attended a concussion seminar on March 9. All THS students will participate in a computer based neurocognitive test to get a baseline result which will be used to compare to subsequent tests if injury does occur. Moscow Mountain Sport & Physical Therapy will offer this free test to all students.
- Third quarter parent-teacher conferences will be held March 24 and 25 from 4 to 8pm. No appointments are necessary and parents can come to visit at any time.

#### 2) Students

- Mr. Goble provided a synopsis of the Knowledge Bowl season. 43 students participated in competition this year. Troy was eliminated in the district tournament by Logos and then by Potlatch after first defeating Nez Perce to finish a rewarding season.
- A blood drive was sponsored by National Honor Society in conjunction with INW Blood Center on March 8; 26 pints were collected.
- State BPA competition is March 11-13 in Boise; 7 students are participating.
- Claire Mayo participated in the District II Solo Ensemble competition held in Deary March 10.
- Turnout for spring sports is: 17 for baseball, 13 for softball, and 37 for track. Two students had originally requested a coop with Deary for tennis, but after the agreement was approved the two students backed-out; this did not give Deary the most positive impression of Troy and future coop requests will be reviewed more carefully. There are two types of coops that can be requested, combined or collective, each have different attributes of participation. Wrestling is a collective coop with Moscow, and the student competes as Troy.

- Troy IDFY will sponsor a program to students on March 23 with junior high in the morning and high school in the afternoon. Parents and community members are invited to an evening session beginning at 6:30pm with a free dinner and babysitting available. Mr. Stoner is the advisor for this group.
- FFA state will take place the first full week in April with students leaving on Tuesday.

### 3) *Student Recognition*

- March's most responsible students are: Isabella Allenbach, Gabe Wright, Elizabeth Witt, and Austin Bull.

### 4) *Feedback Issues*

- Mr. Malm shared an informational sheet about the new state requirements for junior high students to progress to the next grade. There are two ways that students may complete requirements, with the main pathway being passing 80% or 12 of 14 classes per year, missing less than 10 days of school, and earning at least one credit per year (one semester) in each subject. If a student is unable to satisfy any one of these three requirements, they may follow an alternative pathway. The alternative pathway will require completion of 70 points over three areas: Student Accountability (maximum 50 points), End of Course Assessments (maximum 40 points), and Supporting Information (maximum 10 points); or the student may take classes through IDLA to recover credits, at their own expense, over the summer. This information will be shared with parents of incoming 7th graders at orientation (and possibly this spring). Grades will be monitored each quarter and staff will intervene and provide guidance to students and parents to promote success.
- Brad suggested that an alternative to Teacher Appreciation Week celebrations it may be more effective to provide dinner during the parent-teacher conference days at the end of the month. Currently the school pays for dinner for the teacher on these days and with dwindling funds this would be an appreciated concession. Mary will contact Kyle about organizing.

Chris Menter, Secretary  
Next meeting: April 8, 6:30am



# Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

## April 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brad Malm, Mary Yenney, Janet Schetzle, Tamra Smith, Diana Smith, Kelly Johnson, Kyle Nelson, Chris Menter, Nancy McElroy

### **Committee Reports**

**Trojan Boosters** – Chris reported that the Booster Bounce tournament was a success, the participants had a good time, and about \$3,000 was raised.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Kyle thanked everyone for their support for contributing to the dinners provided for the teachers during conferences. Something will be arranged for Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7, although not for every day as it has been in the past.

**Renaissance** – Kelly is continuing to work on; the drawing will take place June 2.

**Graduation** – Janet reported that timelines have been set and everything is coming together. Gowns are provided by the school and students can purchase a cap for \$5. Tamra noted that she has had some problems with announcements; she will share the details with Brad so he can let the company rep know of the issues.

### **Topics from Principal**

#### 1) *Staff*

- Steve Braun will receive the Alumni Achievement Award from the UI College of Agricultural & Life Sciences at an award ceremony on April 19.

#### 2) *Students*

- Seven students attended state BPA in Boise March 12-14. The financial analysis team of Jacob Chambers and Darci Reagan placed first and will be competing at national in Anaheim, California May 5-9.
- Eighteen students are attending state FFA in Twin Falls April 6-10.
- ISAT testing will take place April 12-16.
- Boys and girls basketball banquets are scheduled for April 14 and 23, respectively.
- Brad Henning will present “Don’t Take Love Lying Down” on April 21; parents are welcome to attend.
- Prom will be jointly held with Deary on April 24 in Moscow at the 1912 Building.
- April 27 is Enrichment Day; volunteers are still needed for sessions. Student Council elections will also be held and the African Acrobats will perform.
- Resource Office Middleton will be doing a sexting presentation for all students today.

#### 3) *Student Recognition*

- Melissa Mayo performed with All-State Treble Choir March 17-19 in Nampa.
- April’s hardest working students are: Marissa Fry, Taylor Malm, LaLania Mathwig, and John Dunworth

#### 4) *Feedback Issues*

- The student handbook will be updated for 2010-11 with: 1) jr high credit and attendance requirements, 2) PASS replacing progress reports, 3) definition of a weapon by federal guidelines, and 4) cameras/communication device usage and the length of confiscation adjusted to be a judgment by the principal.
- Zero hour is still being reviewed as an option with suggestions for art, music, weight lifting, and IDLA classes. Adding this period would not provide two periods of such an elective, rather just change the time offered.
- Brad reminded everyone that there is a budget meeting at 6pm before the School Board meeting and that input from patrons is encouraged. The Governor has already indicated a 7.5% holdback and there is likely to be an additional 3-5% mid-year holdback. The staff provided suggestions in a brain-storming session that may be considered.
- Spring conferences were attended by 39% of parents which was up 16% from last spring. The person phone call, although alarming to some, seemed to be a good tool to get more participation.

Chris Menter, Secretary  
Next meeting: May 6, 6:30am