



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee August 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Janet Schetzle, Julie Fry, Dianna Smith, Mary Yenney, Chris Menter, Trish Bechtel

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – Chris reported that the Boosters are finishing the 2010-2011 new and renewed memberships; reminding members to get their memberships paid by September 1. The Boosters are looking for new active members to assume responsibility for this committee as the current members will be exiting within the next two years.

Teacher Appreciation – No report

Renaissance – No report

Graduation – A liaison needs to be appointed. Graduation will take place Friday, May 27, which is also the last day of school

Topics from Principal

- 1) Ms. Weber joined the group to remind them to be collecting Box Tops. Honor Society submits them at the end of October and February to provide money to the library.
- 2) *PAC Information* – Brad handed out an updated PAC information sheet that will be available to parents at Jr High orientation.
- 3) *Student Handbook* – Brad shared the student handbooks making reference to the calendars, athletic schedules, and reminders of the following policies:
 - First period is extended by 13 minutes to accommodate the reading program
 - Jr High now has a credit requirement to meet to pass to the next grade
 - PASS will be used exclusively for progress reports, unless alternate arrangements are made
 - Graduation with honors is based on GPA from seventh semester
 - Dress code enforcement
 - Cell phone usage
 - Free and reduced lunch availability
 - Pay-to-play sports fee increase with funds going to the district instead of directly to athletics
- 4) *Student Schedules* – High school students will be picking up schedules today between 8am and 11am and Jr High orientation will take place this evening at 6pm. The first day of school is August 25.
- 5) *Back to School Open House* – will take place August 26 at 6pm and the format will be open classrooms for parents to visit and collect information.
- 6) *Daily Announcement* – Contact Brad if anything needs to be announced to students.
- 7) *Prep Athlete Recognition* – Contact Brad for nomination information for this award from KLEW.



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

October 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Janet Schetzle, Julie Fry, Dianna Smith, Mary Yenney, Chris Menter

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – Chris had nothing to report; still looking for active members

Teacher Appreciation – No report

Renaissance – No report

Graduation – Janet appointed as liaison. Graduation will take place Friday, May 27, which is also the last day of school. Trish Gash is in charge of the sober graduation party.

Topics from Principal

- 1) Staff in-service training today and tomorrow, October 8, is a staff off day.
- 2) Student Activities:
 - Jr High volleyball practice began September 29.
 - FFA district soils competition was held September 28 at Potlatch.
 - FFA state soils competition will be held October 12 in Burley.
 - FFA national convention in Indianapolis will be October 18-22; one former and one current student attending although not participating.
 - District volleyball will be held in Lewiston October 16, 18, 19, and 21.
 - State volleyball tournament in Declo October 29 and 30; new single-elimination format will be piloted this year.
 - District cross-country will be at Hells Gate State Park on October 21.
 - State cross-country on October 30 in Soda Springs.
 - Football playoffs will be held November 5, 6, and 13; if Troy is ranked first they will play in Kibbie Dome on November 5, if ranked second will play in Wallace on November 6. A first round win will result in play on November 13 in the Kibbie Dome.
 - State football scheduled for November 19 or 20. If a South Idaho team is the opponent then play will be in the Kibbie Dome; if a Boise area team is the opponent then play will be in Boise, possibly at Eagle High School.
- 3) Students of the Month:
 - September's Friendliest were: Whitney Fredrickson, Taylor Malm, Carissa Kruger, and Cayden Dimmick.
 - October's Most Dramatic are: Rachel Webler, James Zillinger, Anna Schetzle, and Brooks Malm.
- 4) PSAT will be given October 13; about 33 students are registered and the gym will be used to accommodate them all.
- 5) Warrior Athletic Association high school awards will be held October 13. Nominees from Troy include Tai Jensen, Marshall Williams, Coach Ed Coulter [track], and the Girls Track Team

6) Informational Issues:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences for first quarter will be held October 26 and 27; postcards will be going out in the mail to parents. Seventh grade will pilot student led conferences and a couple of hours will be blocked out on October 26 just for these.
- State has proposed removing the ISAT science requirement for graduation for the class of 2013; public comments are being taken by the State Board of Education on this matter.
- Concerns and questions about athletic eligibility rules again this fall. Some parents and students may still be unaware that spring grades count as a starting point for fall sports. Anyone with strong feelings or suggestions regarding the athletic eligibility policy may email Mr. Malm and/or Mr. Stoner.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: November 4, 2010, 6:30am

8) *First Home Fall Sports* – Volleyball, with 26 participants, will play Kamiah and Deary on August 31; Cross-Country, with 26 HS and 10 JH participants, will have a meet September 2; Varsity football, with 19 participants, will play Kendrick on September 3; and JV and Jr High football will play Genesee on September 16. All JV and Jr High football games will be held Thursday evenings as double-headers. The question was asked about the viability of JV football with the low number of participants, there has been no official word that it won't take place at this time.

9) *PAC Members* – Contact Brad with suggestions for new members. Welcome Julie Fry!

10) *PASS and Website* – Parents are encouraged to use PASS and the district website to locate information, forms, etc. The district did not mail a newsletter to everyone this year.

11) *Study Hall Class* – The question was asked if a study hall class would be possible for students. While it is not scheduled now, Brad indicated that if there was a high enough demand that would be something to be looked into. One difficulty is finding an instructor to lead the class.

Chris Menter, Secretary
Next meeting: September 2, 6:30am



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee November 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Janet Schetzle, Mary Yenney, Kyle Nelson, Nancy McElroy, Rhonda Case, Chris Menter, Bill McFall

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – No report; no December meeting

Teacher Appreciation – Kyle will start planning for appreciation week in the spring

Renaissance – No report

Graduation – A dessert social fundraiser will be held at the Lions Hall on January 22 for the senior party.

Topics from Principal

1) The committee visit for the Exemplary Program award will be on February 7. Mr. McFall shared information about the bio-fuels program that he and Mr. Braun have collaborated on. Currently Mr. Braun's ag classes are learning about diesel engines and how they differ from gas engines and the economic impact of using bio-fuel in machines. Mr. McFall's chemistry class is learning about the production aspect of bio-fuels and will incorporate hands-on laboratory work this spring. In the future Mr. McFall would like to expand the program by also growing their own canola or mustard for producing bio-fuels. He indicated that a press has been purchased already to learn how to extract the oils from the seed.

2) Student Activities:

- Semester finals are January 10-13.
- ACT will be given at THS on February 12.
- Girls basketball district tournament dates are January 31, February 2, 5, 7, and 9 to be held at LCSC; state tournament at Columbia High School in Nampa February 18-20.
- Boys basketball district tournament dates are February 16, 17, 21, 22, and 24 to be held at LCSC; state tournament at Vallivue High School in Caldwell March 4-6.
- BPA regional competition at UI January 21.
- FFA state degree sifting, district officer sifting, prepared public speaking, and dairy foods at UI also January 21.
- FFA Day on the Hill in Boise January 24 and 212/360 degrees leadership training also in Boise January 25.

3) Students of the Month:

- January's Best Leaders are: Paige McGraw, Jacob Nelson, Taylor Johnson, and Marshall Williams

4) No school January 14 and 17 for teacher work day and Civil Rights day, respectively.

5) Informational & Feedback Issues

- The following additions have been made to the athletic code, both of which have for the most part been in practice but never documented:
 - Under **Parent/Student Responsibilities for Participation, Permission Form** added part e. All Injuries occurring while participating in athletics must be reported to the coach. Athletes who are treated by a physician and removed from participation must obtain written permission from the physician in order to return to the activity.
 - Under **Appearance** added part b. Hair style/color must not impede the performance, be deemed a safety hazard, or be distracting/stand out.
- There was further discussion regarding the academic requirements for athletic eligibility. Mr. Malm confirmed that academic ability is addressed for each student as well as their placement in appropriate classes and that there are mechanisms in place to support the academic needs of individual students.

Chris Menter, Secretary
Next meeting: February 3, 2011, 6:30am



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

February 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Janet Schetzle, Mary Yenney, Kyle Nelson, Dianna Smith, Chris Menter

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – Booster Bounce scheduled for March 11-13 and still searching for active members.

Teacher Appreciation – Week of May 2 with more plans to come; consider providing dinner nights of conference March 22 and 23.

Renaissance – No report

Graduation – The dessert social fundraiser January 22 was successful. Senior class will be raffling items for additional fund raising. Senior trip is still be planned but may be a boat trip again and many seniors still need to turn in their pictures.

Topics from Principal

1) Student Activities:

- ACT will be given at THS on February 12, 8am.
- BPA districts were held at UI January 21; 14 students placed within top three of their events and will be headed to state in Boise March 10-12.
- FFA State Degree Sifting, District Officer Sifting, Prepared Public Speaking, and Dairy Foods events were held at UI January 21; results not available yet.
- FFA Parliamentary Procedure, Meats, and Job Interview will be held at UI January 4.
- Eighth graders will take the National Assessment of Educational Progress February 8.
- February 25 is the first day of spring sports practice; rotating afternoon schedules will be used throughout spring sports season so that one period is not impacted so much.
- Knowledge Bowl regional tournament will be held at UI February 17; top two teams will advance to state competition in Boise.
- Jay Lewis has accepted the position of baseball coach, pending board approval. Currently there are 14 students signed up to participate.

3) Students of the Month:

- February's most School Spirit are: Kendra Fry, Colton Manwaring, Brianna Salerno, and Jaime Michael

4) A group from the Jazz Festival will be visiting February 23 at 2pm.

5) Informational & Feedback Issues

- Brad shared the Pathway to Promotion agreement for junior high students who are in jeopardy of failing. The state now requires junior high students to pass a minimum of 80% of their credits and not fail one subject for the entire year. The agreement gives students (and parents) four options to remedy grade issues.

- In 2013-14, there will be a defined set of national core standards in math and English that will be integrated into the curriculum. Senior projects will be required for graduates starting with the class of 2013.
- Brad shared the Students Come First website: www.sde.idaho.gov/site/studentscomefirst and some basics of the legislation being presented by Superintendent Luna regarding education reform in Idaho. Some of the main topics are providing laptops to all students, requirement of taking online classes each year, patron input on staff evaluations, pay for performance model, contracts and tenure, and negotiations being held to salary and benefits only. Parents may contact Brad for more information how to provide comments on the proposals.
- The question was asked if there was a process to review the athletic code; Brad indicated that first discussions would be with the Athletic Director and himself and final approval would be done by the school board.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: March 3, 2011, 6:30am



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

March 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Janet Schetzle, Mary Yenney, Kyle Nelson, Dianna Smith, Nancy McElroy, Rhonda Case, Julie Fry, Chris Menter

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – Booster Bounce will not take place this year due to lack of participants. Boosters awarded \$4,000 to THS toward the purchase of new weight training equipment. Three new members attended the February meeting.

Teacher Appreciation – Kyle will be arranging dinners for conference nights March 22 and 23; donations welcome. Also there will be something scheduled for teacher appreciation week in May.

Renaissance – No report

Graduation – Seniors will be taking a boat trip on May 23 with dinner to follow at the Clearwater River Casino. Seniors still need to get their pictures in.

Topics from Principal

1) Student Activities:

- Fifteen BPA students will travel to Boise March 9-12 for state competition.
- National Honor Society will hold their blood drive on March 16.
- UI will host Higher Ed Day March 17 for juniors.
- Knowledge Bowl team will travel to Boise March 20-21 for the State INL Scholastic Tournament.
- Spring sports turn-outs: Jr. High Girls Basketball (18), Jr. High Boys Basketball (14), Baseball (11), Softball (15), and Track (40).
- Results from FFA Career Development Events held January 21 and February 4 were shared; FFA state competition will be held in April.

2) Students of the Month:

- March's most Responsible are: Leah Bafus, Carsten Smith, Kaylene Howard, and John Dunworth

3) School Resource Officer Middleton will present information to students on March 10; for grades 7-10 about sexting and Idaho law with regard to under age sex and for grades 11-12 underage drinking consequences.

4) Informational & Feedback Issues

- Parent teacher conferences to be held March 22 & 23 from 4-8pm with 7th grade student-led conferences occurring on March 22, 4-6pm.
- Student Handbook is being reviewed; please send any questions or concerns to Mr. Malm.

- Athletic eligibility code was reviewed again with input being supportive of the current policy with concern about beginning of the quarter being difficult to substantiate overall grades if there is very little work to be graded. Currently with 98 kids in spring sports, there have been only 2 students this year that have been dismissed and one of them would have been ineligible under the previous policy. Mr. Malm indicated that there have been fewer than 10 student athletes who have earned an F grade this year causing eligibility issues. Mr. Malm welcomed any suggestions or proposals for consideration in adjusting the policy; questions and concerns may also be directed to Mr. Stoner.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: April 7, 2011, 6:30am



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee

April 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Janet Schetzle, Kyle Nelson, Dianna Smith, Kelly Johnson, Chris Menter

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – Boosters are investigate alternative fundraising ideas.

Teacher Appreciation – Teacher appreciation week May2-6; Kyle indicated Mary has planned food and fun each day of the week. Volunteers can contact Mary to lend assistance.

Renaissance – Drawing will be May 26 and Kelly indicated there were enough funds in the account to cover expenses.

Graduation – Seniors may be doing another fundraiser for sober graduation and if they have money left over may consider having the water tower painted.

Topics from Principal

1) Student Activities:

- BPA State Leadership Conference was held in Boise March 10-11. Two students, Marissa Fry and Melissa Mayo, qualified for nationals to be held May 3-7 in Washington, DC.
- Jacob Chambers was selected to the first team all state Knowledge Bowl for his performance at the state competition.
- State FFA competition being held April 5-8; 20 students attending.
- Report cards were distributed on April 5 and honor roll lunch will be held April 13.
- Eighth grade science fair will be held April 21, 3:30-5:30pm.
- April 24 is Enrichment Day and will feature motivational speaker Scott Backovich speaking about "Bold Choices".
- FFA Awards banquet will be held April 24, 6pm.
- ISAT testing will be done April 26-May 2.
- District II Band Festival will take place in Lewiston April 27.
- Prom will be held April 30 in Moscow at 1912 Building.

2) Students of the Month:

- April's Hardest Workers are: Gabby Girard, Kellen Hoskins, Bonnie Dunworth, and Randy Menter.

3) Staff:

- Mr. Braun received an honorable mention for the Governor's Industry Award for Notable Teaching in Science (GIANTS) and will be recognized by Governor Otter in Boise April 15.
- THS was awarded exemplary status for 2010-11 by Idaho State Accreditation Committee for the biofuels program; congratulations to Mr. McFall and Mr. Braun.

4) Informational & Feedback Issues

- Parent-teacher conference attendance percentages continue to grow, 38% in fall 2009 compared to 56% in fall 2010 and 39% in spring 2010 compared to 52% in spring 2011. Some of the growth is likely due to the seventh grade student-led conference format. Eighth grade will also follow this format next year.
- Supplemental levy election will be held May 17 with the polling done downtown. Karen Nelson is organizing a Community Awareness Team to make sure that accurate information is distributed to district patrons; volunteers are welcome and their next meeting is Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30pm at THS.
- Brad shared some basic information regarding the school reform legislation that was passed this year:
 - SB1108 regarding contracts and negotiations now defines two contract categories, A which is a one year contract for teachers with 1-3 years and B which is a contract for 2 years with rollover for teacher with 4+ years. Current tenured teachers are grandfathered in. The stipulation about negotiations indicates that only salary and benefits can be negotiated by teachers.
 - SB1184 regarding technology implementation designates that teachers will be provided mobile communication devices (i.e. laptops or current technology) beginning in 2012-13 and then in 2013-14 at least 1/3 of students will receive them, another 1/3 the following year, and the final 1/3 the subsequent year. The bill indicates replacement every four years to remain current. This legislation also designates stipulations for dual credit and online classes. High schools will have to accept credits from accredited institutions. The question was raised about the requirement for students to complete online classes and as found in the bill text there is no current requirement, but that it will likely be forthcoming for the class of 2016.
 - SB1110 regarding pay for performance reduces the salary reimbursement rate from the state. Teachers could be granted this type of pay for measurable student growth which may be difficult in some subjects as standard testing is given in only math, English, and language use (by ISAT). School districts may run levies to cover salary money.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: May 5, 2011, 6:30am



Troy High School Parent Advisory Committee May 5, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Malm, Mary Yenney, Janet Schetzle, Kyle Nelson, Dianna Smith, Kelly Johnson, Chris Menter

Committee Reports

Trojan Boosters – No meeting in April.

Teacher Appreciation – Teacher appreciation week going well; thanks to Mary Nelson for organizing all of the food.

Renaissance – Kelly indicated she will have everything ready for the drawing and will be doing shopping soon.

Graduation – Senior boogie boat trip on Snake River May 23 and class will be looking into purchasing flags to use at events.

Topics from Principal

1) Student Activities:

- Marshall Williams awarded 1A/2A/3A male athlete of the year at North Idaho Sports Banquet April 9.
- Five students participating in FFA National Soils May 2-7 in Oklahoma City.
- Two students participating in BPA Nationals May 3-8 in Washington DC.
- On May 13 & 14, district softball will be held at Prairie High School and track regional at Kootenai High School.
- ISAT exams completed May 4.
- Spring concert will be held May 17 at 7pm.
- Awards night will be held May 24 at 7pm.
- Graduation will be May 27 at 7pm.

2) Students of the Month:

- May's Most Improved are: Britta Wright, Brad Spencer, September Wickham, and Austin McCully.

3) Staff:

- Request submitted to Nez Perce Local Education Fund for second portable computer lab.
- Coach Rob Bafus awarded 1A/2A/3A male coach of the year at North Idaho Sports Banquet April 9.

4) Informational & Feedback Issues

- Semester finals May 16-20 for seniors and May 24-27 for all others. Last day of school Friday, May 27 is an early release day.

- Idaho Education Network installed in Library along with more bandwidth for video conferencing. This will bring opportunities for distance learning for students as well as community use for workshops, etc. Wireless routers will also be supplied by the state.
- Clarifications about the technology mandated under education reform laws—the number of online classes required is yet to be determined; the intent of laptops is to allow classes to be taken outside of school hours; local board will set policy for laptop usage; attrition of teachers for online classes will be under local control.
- Supplemental levy community awareness group was clarified as a “yes vote” group rather than informational only. If levy passes, funding will be restored to 2 years ago meaning that teacher salaries will reinstate the 5% reduction taken last year and additional teacher workdays will be restored.
- 2011-12 school calendar is available on website; board will review for one correction at next meeting—January 2 is considered a national holiday so the return to school after winter break would change to January 3 if approved.
- Review of the cancellation of baseball this year: lack of players due to one quit, one dismissed of rule violation, and one injured. School checked into playing with less than nine and rules indicate game must be started and ended with nine but this option was determined to be a very bad practice. All players must have a minimum of 10 practices so joining late is not an option at this point in the season; each day can only have one counted practice and Sunday is not available. To play two sports (i.e. baseball and track) require agreement of both coaches which is unlikely.

Chris Menter, Secretary

Next meeting: August 18, 2011, 6:30am