

KORT MINUTES  
2/18/2009 meeting

Attendance:

Language and behavior: It was noted that there have been issues of inappropriate language and behavior at PACT. Issues were reported in the lunch area, bathroom, and during some classes. Parents have sometimes confronted the issue with only brief effects. Lynda suggested that anytime a parent observes inappropriate actions, the incident be reported to the front desk where it will be logged. If the parent is comfortable doing so, they should ask the student(s) to come with them to the front desk. PACT has generally relied on discussing the issue with students and parents and, in severe cases, revocation of class privileges. It was suggested that in addition to these strategies, students be required to do some type of service work as an immediate consequence. Suggestions included assisting the front desk, cleaning tables, to volunteering for campus clean-up days at the PFAA campus. Please assist with the effort to teach our PACT students appropriate language and behavior while at school by reporting incidents to the front desk.

Lunch room: Students may use the lunch room unsupervised from 11:00-11:30 if they have a lunch pass. If students are reported to the front desk for inappropriate behavior, this privilege will be revoked. It was also suggested that a sign could be made for the lunch room spelling out appropriate behavior and encouraging others to report offenses.

Request to change meeting day: At the last meeting, there was a request to change the meeting days to Thursdays. The group felt that with so few meetings left this year, we should continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. At the next meeting we will discuss optimal days and times (and barriers to avoid) for meetings next year.

Teacher in-service: It was suggested that next year a non-instructional day be devoted to the development of the parents.

Orientation of new parents: It was suggested that we improve our orientation for new parents. Suggestions ranged from holding the orientation earlier, providing resources to the parents as early as possible, to actively pairing experienced parents with new parents.

Building the PACT community:

At skate nights, the open area and loud environment may not be the best environment for parents to meet and mingle with new families. It was suggested that one of the party rooms could be opened up so that parents could have the opportunity to talk. Nametags might also promote the development of new relationships.

A new social opportunity for parents and students is the PACT game night. On March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>, PACT will be open from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM for

family game night. Bring your favorite board games, card games, and interactive games. This is a great opportunity to have an enjoyable time with your kids and meet other families who have children with the same passions. It is also an opportunity for parents to connect while everyone is relaxed and having a good time.

Extravaganza update: The next Extravaganza meeting is on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Shelly to pick up a committee and donation-request flyer.