

10/13/09  
US PAC  
Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. Janet Lowe and Karen Gabriel attended by phone. Anne Barnes, Craig Robinson, Darla Garey-Sage, Tracy Stephens, Gaye McCollum-Nickles, and Jon Cook were present.

**Student Government Report**

No student government report.

**Faculty Report**

Very active fall sports season (addition of boys and girls soccer teams); teams growing.

**Administrative Report**

ACT Test: free ACT test is being offered to SRS; students will be reimbursed with receipt for receipt for taking test. Students should register online.

PSAT Review: being offered by Mr. Erikson and Dr. Bialkowski (volunteers). Students will take test on Saturday, October 17, at 8 a.m.

Parent Coffees: November 3 (Tuesday) : 9/10<sup>th</sup> grade; library 8 a.m.  
November 10th (Tuesday), 11/12<sup>th</sup> grades, library 8 a.m.

Extra Help Sessions Scheduled for students w/ C's or lower at midterm assessment; extra helps sessions with teacher available during the day. Students need to be assertive in scheduling their sessions.

Ben Larson—Debate Coach has been hired to teach two electives in the spring: Introduction to Debate and Journalism Class (how journalism and the media shape the way we think—not a hands-on class). Ben has volunteered to be advisor to the Ridge (editor of UNR newsletter; won national awards).

SRS offers a morning breakfast for juniors/seniors so that seniors could offer advise on surviving the year to juniors; no faculty in the room, totally a student led event.

**New Business**

Parent Website: still not up and running; Karen will contact Wally about contacting the parent volunteer to see when we might get it up and running (Note: as of 10/14, Parent website is now active).

PE—in place of competitive sports requirement?

The administration believes the private school model with extracurricular sports and their inherent lessons is valuable, rather than PE which would take an hour in the day away from the academic curriculum and not give students the benefits of competitive sports.

SRS is looking at exercise physiology and weight-room class to increase student awareness of health for life...looking at electives to be offered in future.

Assessments—how many per quarter/semester?

No single assessment can worth more than 20% (value of a final) over a semester. First quarter always seems short (first week of school and outdoor ed take away from academic time, so assessments are less first half of first quarter.)

Flu Response

Worked well. Parents responsive in keeping students home when necessary; school implemented measures (as posted on school website) to minimize exposure.

Other

Change meeting time to 5:30? All approved so future meetings will be at 5:30.

College Information Nights:

MIT Recruiter in Northern Nevada and Yale Recruiter (Dave Reardon head of Yale alumni and coordinates admission interviews) are scheduled to conduct an evening college session at SRS. Brown is usually on panel w/ MIT and Yale, so Dr. Gaye will contact BROWN alumnae and see if she can facilitate this; DUKE also. This event should be scheduled no later than December.

Next Meeting Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm.

Submitted,  
Darla Garey-Sage,  
US PAC Chair