



**Sage Ridge School
US PAC Minutes
September 22, 2011**

Members present: Sarah Stevenson, Teri Newman (9th Grade)
Mary Ann Huber (10th Grade)
Karen Gabriel (11th Grade)
Anne Hayes, Ann Barnes (12th Grade)
Nicole Taucare, John Cook (Faculty),
Colburn Shindell, Daryl DiBitonto (Administration)

Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Action Items
1. Guest	<p>Andy Ausherman, SRS Class President, spoke about the exciting opportunities planned for the upcoming school year. Freshman Welcome week and the September dance were a great success. The dance was well attended and students were happy with the outside location and atmosphere.</p> <p>2011-12 student events have been planned for the rest of the year and are posted on the SRS website master calendar. The main goal of student government is to improve the student culture. Fundraisers have been planned to purchase items for the loft, starting with a foosball table.</p>	
2. New Business	<p><i>Mini Sessions</i></p> <p>There will be no changes to the mini session schedule for the 2011-12 school year. However, the administration is investigating possible changes for future years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduling the session in May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will be at a time that does not infringe on APs. ➤ Seniors would not have mini sessions as they will be fulfilling the internship requirement. ➤ Finals will be given before the mini session ➤ Comply with graduation requirement. <p>Feedback from PAC included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review menu of choices • Tie to the curriculum <p><i>Cost of Books</i></p> <p>It was suggested the school analyze the cost of books per grade as parents are recognizing the higher costs year after year. Many parents are purchasing required class books from Amazon.com or from local area used book stores. Also review the required class books as parents have found that books are not being utilized after purchase.</p> <p><i>Advisory Groups</i></p> <p>As in previous years, Advisory groups have been vertically integrated.</p> <p><i>8th-9th Grade Transition</i></p> <p>The Administration is working on strategies to make a smooth transition from middle to high school. Focusing on the needs of freshmen, there will continued communication between the Upper and Middle school teachers. There is a planned event for the Upper School teachers to visit middle school classes to gain a better understanding of expectations.</p>	
Next US PAC Meeting	<p>October 13, 2011</p> <p><u>Items for discussion:</u></p> <p>Communication with parents Early release Excused tardiness for sanctioned activities Edline consistency Grandparent's Day Sage Ridge Reward Gift Program</p>	