

## Message from the Superintendent

As we get back into our normal routines here at school we really need your cooperation and support to utilize the facility as we work with all the many student programs and school sponsored activities and community events.

In the past, we have simply “overbooked” the facility which has resulted in “double bookings” and cancellations. This year we have made it a point to carefully schedule events and activities in different parts of the facility with in a manner that, we hope, will eliminate that problem. We have prioritized activities in this manner:

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|----|---|------------------|
| 1. | Academic/School programs                    | Highest Priority |
| 2. | Extra-curricular Activities/Saturday sports | High Priority    |
| 3. | Extended School Programs (PTO/Scouts)       | High Priority    |
| 4. | Parent Requests                             | On Availability  |
| 5. | Community Requests                          | On Availability  |

We are restricted with space because of our enrollment and due to the necessity of using some spaces (aerobics room/weight room/and Pool Conference Room) as classrooms until the High School is ready. You can count on us being consistent and honoring all activities that have been approved at the scheduled times and dates.

## Traffic Problems

We’re all aware of the traffic problems and congestion that occurs daily. We are trying hard to create some order, however without your cooperation (and direction to drivers), nothing will eliminate the daily frustration, especially when the Crescent School resumes and more residents begin living in 1004 Estates.

From my observations, this is what I would like to see happen to alleviate some of our problems:

1. School opens at 7AM and starts at 7:30AM. Arrive a bit earlier, there is less traffic.
2. Don’t let your drivers cut the “queue”
3. Have students ready to unload when you arrive in the Drop off/Pick up Zone.
4. Instruct nannies/drivers that they do not need to exit the car. The students know where to go.
5. Parents who come into the school, at any time, should instruct their drivers to exit 1004 Estates and circle back around. Parking in front of the Crescent School is not an option and a major cause of problems.
6. Have drivers stay in the car. Some drivers are parking the car and leaving it, thus blocking traffic.

At this time we are limited as to what we can do, however we are happy to work with 1004 Estates and are looking at the option of providing bussing from VI, Ikoyi, and Lekki with a sub-contracted company.

I understand the frustration, I see it daily, but I believe these simple rules will improve the problem greatly.

## Upcoming Events

### AUGUST 31, Tuesday

- **MS/HS Volleyball and Soccer Tryouts**  
3:15, Gym and Field
- **Back to School Night (HS)**  
6:15-8:35pm, Gym

### SEPTEMBER. 1, Wednesday

- **NDC Meeting**  
7:30am, Cactus

### SEPTEMBER 2, Thursday

- **Back to School Night (MS)**  
6:15-8:35pm, Gym

Check <http://aislagos.org> for the online version with colored photos

### Gym Court

Our new gym floor is up and ready for action. The bleachers will be installed when they arrive and a new stage curtain too! Only court approved shoes are allowed and no food or drink are allowed in the gym.

### Tennis Courts

The school's tennis courts will be closed from Monday, August 30 to Friday, September 3 for resurfacing. They will be open again for use on Saturday, September 4.

### Immunizations

I received a note from one of our parents that there may be an outbreak of measles here in Nigeria. I believe most of our children have received the MMR inoculation, however I would encourage all parents to double check and get the immunization if you haven't done so. We have not seen any cases at AISL; this is just a precautionary warning.

## High School

**Parent-Teacher Back to School Night**

**AUGUST 31, 2010**

- 6:15 Pick up schedules
- 6:30 Welcome
- 6:50 - 8:35 Visit Classes

Please join us to meet your child's teachers and learn a little about their classes.

EdLine, our new communication tool, will be highlighted.

\*Conferences will be held September 23rd and 25th.

The ABC Book

Chemistry 101

EdLine

Books

Globe

Apple

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Season I - August 24, 2010 - November 12, 2010

Season II - November 18, 2010 - February 24, 2011

Season III - March 1, 2011 - May 19, 2011

Season I: 08/24/10 - 12/10/10

Volleyball - Boys and Girls

Swimming Boys and Girls (Sept. - Dec. 4th)

SEASON II: 10/18/10 - 02/24/11

Soccer Boys and Girls

Swimming Boys and Girls

Season III: 03/01/11 - 05/19/11

Basketball Boys and Girls

Swimming Boys and Girls

## SPORTS TRYOUTS

MS/HS SOCCER TRYOUTS

August 31 - September 3, 2010.

Venue: Sports field

Time: 3: 15 pm - 4: 20 pm.

Please come prepared to work hard with your P.E. uniform, shin guards and soccer shoes.

MS/HS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

August 31 - September 3, 2010.

Venue: outdoor courts

Time: 3: 15 pm - 4: 20 pm.

# Thank You All From The PTO

This has been quite a slow week as compared to the first week of school where we were busy from Monday until Saturday! We are all settling back to the routine of being back at school and somehow it feels like we never went away.....

The PTO would like to thank the entire AISL community for a fantastic turnout at the PTO events during the first week of school; your attendance and participation at the PTO monthly meeting at Cactus, the New Parents Welcome in the Library, the Kindergarten Parents tour and at Family Orientation Day shows your support towards our fundraising and enlightenment programs.

Family Orientation Day was a huge success! We hope you were able to join us for a few hours of the day. The children had a great time with activities ranging from train rides, face painting, balloon sculpture, the bouncy castle, soccer and arts and crafts! There was so much to eat and drink, and it was free!! This enormous success does not come without a lot of hard work and donations from you, who we count upon for support. We are so grateful to all of the families who helped to make the day a resounding success.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Tom Shearer, Sharon Schauss, Justin Smith and all the staff for their assistance in setting up, Dan Heath and the members of the school board, who helped to welcome our families back to school at the event; to Ebi Williams, Linda Quaynor, Eko Hotel, Jade Restaurant, Rendezvous restaurant, Dina Cristodolou, Ngozi Eziachi, Robin & Joyce Cheung, Dina Hathi-ramnani, and the Nigerian community for their donations, monetary and in kind; to Rebecca Bejer for working the arts and crafts table with the volunteers who assisted her. And a big 'Thank You' to all our volunteers

If you want to help with PTO activities, please volunteer.

Have a great weekend.

AISL PTO

## **Middle School Back to School Night**

Thursday, September 2nd

Starting at 6:30 pm

Come to School on the 2nd of September to experience your child's daily schedule of learning. You will be able to meet the teachers and hear about the expectations and curricular plans that each of them has for the year. The schedule for the evening is listed below. We hope to see you here!

6:15 - 6:30 Parents pick up student schedules

6:30 - 6:50 Welcome

6:55 - 7:05 Period A

7:10 - 7:20 Period B

7:25 - 7:35 Period C

7:40 - 7:50 Period D

7:55 - 8:05 Period E

8:10 - 8:20 Period F

8:25 - 8:35 Period G

## **Elementary Back to School Night**

Tuesday, September 7th

Starting Time 6:30 pm

We cordially invite you to come to school on Tuesday, September 7th. This is a great opportunity for families to meet with classroom and specialist teachers. During the sessions, teachers will be describing the curriculum and practices so that parents have a clearer understanding of what students will be experiencing in Elementary School this year. The schedule for the evening is below.

We hope to see you here!

6:30 - Welcome

6:50 - Homeroom Session

7:15 - Specialist Session

7:40 - Homeroom or Specialist Session

Evening Concludes at 8:05

## Girl Scouts

Attention All 6th Grade Girls: If you're interested in learning more about 6th grade (Cadette) Girl Scouts or signing up for Cadette Girl Scouts, please come to our Information Meeting WED., SEPT. 1 IN MRS. CARNAHAN'S ROOM from 3 to 4 pm. Shawnee Browne and Ekaba Davies will be co-leading the 6th grade troop this year, and we have some fun events already scheduled! See you Wednesday!

## Summer Reading

Hello and welcome back!

For those of you who've missed me or Mrs. Browne during the morning drop off times, we will be around until Mr. Smith has finished assembly on Monday morning to collect any last minute reading booklets. Special assemblies for the book reading awards will be announced in next weeks newsletter.

Thanks!

Shirley Morello and Shawnee Browne

## NIGERIA IS 50!!!!!!

The Nigeria Culture Day is coming up on the 30th of September 2010 to celebrate Nigeria's 50th independence.

The theme for this year is ONE NIGERIA. The six Regions of the country will be showcased. We are calling on ALL Nigerian parents/friends to a meeting to help facilitate the planning and execution of this important celebration.

DATE: Wednesday September 1st, 2010

TIME: 7: 30 AM (Right after drop off)

VENUE: Cactus Restaurant

## IB Exam Results

We received our IB exam results for May 2010. I am pleased with how our students performed on the exams. Three students earned an IB Diploma and a total of 48 certificates were earned. This is the first time AISL students have sat for IB exams. For those of you who are not aware – the IB program is a rigorous college/university preparatory curriculum. International Baccalaureate has set specific standards that students must meet to earn a certificate, and students must complete a 4,000 word original research paper (Extended Essay), a Theory of Knowledge paper, and CAS to earn a full IB Diploma. Colleges and universities may waive freshmen level courses if a student has earned IB certificates or the IB Diploma.

The IB teachers have received written feedback from IBO on their exam results. Mr. De La Sobera and I will be working with the IB teachers to review the students results and their instructional practices. Although we are pleased, we know we can improve.

Carlos De La Sobera, IB Coordinator, will be announcing IB parent meeting dates and times at Back to School Night on 31 August. The dates will also be announced in Newsletters as well. In addition to learning about IB, parents will also get to see what IB exam questions look like and responses that meet IB standards. I hope that many of you will attend these meetings.



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## High School After School Activities September 6 – November 5<sup>th</sup>

### COMPETITIVE SPORTS:

Tryouts for our **competitive soccer** teams will take place on August 31st through September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:15 – 4:20. Once the teams are established, practices will take place each week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:15 – 4:20 PM. For further information, please speak with Mr. Ohimain.

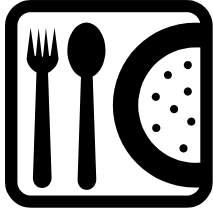
Tryouts for our **competitive volleyball** teams will take place on August 31st through September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:15 – 4:20. Once the teams are established, practices will take place each week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:15 – 4:20 PM. For further information, please speak with Mr. Okosun.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES/CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:

Session	Leader	Venue	Days	Time
TOK	Mr. DeLaSobera	A203B	Mon. & Wed.	3:05 – 4:20
Drama	Mr. Passerella	PCR	Tues. & Thurs.	3:05 – 4:20
IB Math Lab	Mrs. Passerella	A202	Monday	3:15 – 4:20
MUN	Mr. Bonnet	A103	Friday	3:15 – 4:20
NHS	Mr. Edler	A203	Every other Tues.	Lunch
Intramural Basketball (Weather permitting)	Mr. Powers	Sports Court	Tues. & Thurs.	3:15 – 4:20
Karate	Mr. Ohimain	Stage	Mon. & Wed.	3:15 – 4:20
Music	Mr. Passerella	PCR	Mon. & Wed.	3:15 – 4:20
Jam Sessions	Mr. Passerella	PCR	Mon. – Fri.	7:00 – 7:20 & 12:10 – 12:35

In addition, the library will be open Monday – Friday, 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM, for high school students to study and work quietly.

For more information will be coming out from session leaders in the next week.



# AISL FOOD COURT NEWS

## Updated Menu on line

The three vendors currently at AISL Food Court (Chocolate Royal, Frenchies & Nirvana) offer a wide variety of food. You can see the menu lists either hanging on the FC walls in frames made by school carpentry or online.

Everything that is on sale at the FC is being approved by Mr. Shearer together with the FC committee. We also carry out a monthly Quality Control Report sent to each vendor's manager based on daily visits by FCC members and input from the community (emails).

## Opening / Closing Times

### Monday to Friday:

All except Choc Royal 08h30 - 17h00  
Chocolat Royal 08h30 - 16h00

Please pay a visit to The Food Court Facility at AISL, check the menus (online: go to AISL webpage, click Home, then "About" and "Food Court Facility.") and you'll know what your child can get on campus.

## Suggestions / Ideas?

If you have had a positive (or not so positive) encounter with any of the sales staff, if you have a suggestion, an idea or any question please email us at [aislfoodcourt@gmail.com](mailto:aislfoodcourt@gmail.com) We need your input to make sure the best is offered to the AISL community!

### Weekends:

Chocolat Royal: 08h30 - 16h00  
Boost: 09h00 - 16h00  
Frenchies: 09h00 - 16h30  
Nirvana: 08h00 - 16h00

If you notice this times are not in compliance, please let us know by email.

## PopCorn on Fridays is back!

We are glad to announce that as of today the PTO booth opens up officially with: PopCorn on Fridays (ONLY FRIDAYS). Send your child with N100 and let them enjoy everyone's joy: freshly made popcorn at their school!



**Are you a Nutritionist / Dietician ?** We would love for you to join our Food Court Committee. Please email us.

Comments? Yes, please. At [aislfoodcourt@gmail.com](mailto:aislfoodcourt@gmail.com)

## **AISL'S GIVING SPIRIT**

AISL has a fantastic spirit of “giving” and member of the AISL family continue to support others in so many ways. At AISL though the spirit of “giving” is not just about cash donations. It is about people looking into their cupboards for those things they do not use, buying a little extra when they go shopping, bringing in unwanted clothes, buying some extra school supplies... every little bit helps.

At AISL your donations are sent to a range of charities that include:

1. The Jakande Project that sponsors the education, development and daily care of 6 former street boys who are actively engaged in apprenticeships and educational programs in a child headed model of support.
2. Karamo Junior Secondary School
3. Victoria Island Junior Secondary School
4. Arch Bishop Taylor Memorial Primary and Nursery School opposite the Eko Hotel, a government school that supports many of the needy in our local community.
5. Child Life Line’s Residential Rehabilitation Centre at Ibeshe, home to 24 street boys.
6. Child Life Line’s Reception Centre at Ifako, Gbagada
7. St Kizito Clinic at Lekki providing primary health care services to the community with special attention to the less privileged, the needy and the un-reached.
8. Kiri Kiri project at Apapa, a school for many less fortunate children.
9. Living Fountain Orphanage at Oniru
10. Fisherman Village School in Lagos
11. The ICR (“I Can Read” adult literacy project) at AISL
12. Various charities affiliated with religious institutions
13. Karamo Junior Secondary College on Victoria Island
14. Street Child Initiative in Yaba, an NGO supporting street boys from Karamo Beach.
15. Doctors without Borders in Haiti
16. American Red Cross in Haiti

In addition to all of the above, we also sell “Icy Cups” each Thursday and every 100N used to purchase these sweet frozen drinks goes directly to support the food and transportation costs of the boys in the Jakande Project. Please take a moment also to read the letter received from Doctors without Borders and their efforts in Haiti that AISL generously supported in their time of need.

Your support and donations **do** make a difference; not just to those less fortunate but also to the children we serve as the spirit of giving demonstrated by the adults is great modeling for the impressionable minds of AISL’s younger generation.

We are always looking for community service opportunities for our students, especially in HS, and so if you are involved in programs outside AISL, in which one or more students could get involved, please let me know, as our HS students need at least 75 hours of community service to receive their HS Diploma. If you would like further details of any of the charities or how you may be able to assist please do not hesitate to contact Barry Phipps (bphipps@aislagos.com)

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Dear Friends,

With the support of the American International School of Lagos, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is helping the survivors of one of the most devastating natural disasters in our nearly 40 years of international humanitarian relief work. Your generous contribution is helping to make our medical programs in Haiti as effective and far-reaching as possible and enabling us to care for tens of thousands of people.

The earthquake that wreaked havoc on Haiti in January was a jarring reminder of the importance of emergency response. MSF had nearly 800 staff already on the ground when the disaster struck. Within 48 hours, we had dispatched seven cargo planes to bring additional staff and supplies to the scene.

More than 3,000 MSF aid workers—the vast majority of whom are locally-hired Haitians—have cared for nearly 174,000 patients and launched extensive surgery and rehabilitation programs to treat the many people whose debilitating injuries require long-term care. We have also reestablished most of the medical programs we were running before the earthquake, including a trauma center and an emergency obstetrics hospital. To help people who are still homeless, we continue to distribute 190,000 gallons of clean water every day.

Today, six months later, MSF is running 19 health facilities and 16 operating theaters. Our teams have begun to replace our tent facilities with more permanent structures, and are slowly shifting our medical activities to these hospitals and health centers. The needs in Haiti are enormous, and we are committed to providing medical care to the Haitian people for the years to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Allison Morris at (212) 655-3795 or [allison.morris@newyork.msf.org](mailto:allison.morris@newyork.msf.org) if you have any questions about the enclosed report or any of our programs, or if you would like an electronic copy of this report.

I thank you for your commitment to our work.

Best regards,



Sophie Delanay  
Executive Director

# Back-to-School Health Checklist

Experts say how to keep your child on the right track to health this school year.

By [Jean Lawrence](#)

WebMD Feature

Reviewed by [Louise Chang, MD](#)

Shuffling your child back to school these days takes more than a new wardrobe and a shiny apple. What about the dizzying array of immunizations? Hearing and [vision tests](#)? Special instructions for the school nurse? And tips for buying and loading a backpack that won't turn your precious offspring into an achy, whiny pack mule?

## Those Dreaded Shots

"We won't enroll any student without an immunization record," says Candy Mac Donald, RN, PHN, MSN, school nurse for eight schools in the Marysville Joint United School District in Marysville, Calif., north of Sacramento. "There are more and more shots now, too," she adds, including [hepatitis B](#), chickenpox, and possibly a booster of the MMR in junior high ([flu](#) shots also may be recommended).

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) web site fully explains childhood vaccinations, advising you what is needed at what age. Your school district or local health department will also make this clear, and you can consult your pediatrician as well.

In California, Mac Donald says a first grade physical is recommended and will probably hold true if performed before kindergarten.

"We had to have the shots, period," says Jennifer Santesteban, who has a 10-year-old son in a Phoenix school district. Many health departments also offer free immunizations to children for some families without insurance. If you are in doubt, ask the school secretary for guidance.

## Can Your Child See Clearly?

As many as one in 20 children can't see out of one of their eyes, according to Pamela F. Gallin, MD, director of pediatric ophthalmology at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. "This is a difficult observation [for a parent] to make."

Gallin recommends vision testing by your pediatrician, even though some testing is also given in school in some areas of the country. "A younger child can 'read' the chart by turning a hand in the direction the 'E' is facing," she says, describing what she calls the "E" game. "School-aged children, even kindergartners, probably can identify letters or at least numbers."

The reason to have this done is simple: Kids who can't see well can't perform as well in school.

Gallin says she as a parent demands screening by an eye specialist. "All parents should," she says. Yet, she explains, often parents tell her, "My kid would tell me if he couldn't see." She says

often this is untrue. They don't know any differently and kids with one eye not functioning will even try to fake out the doctor on the eye test, peeking around the eye blocker. "We have all been faked out," Gallin sighs.

If one eye is not working properly, what can be done to treat lazy eyes? "It's a real pain to fix," she admits. Children have to wear a patch over the strong eye. "They hate it," she says. Some improvement comes quickly but treatment takes time. The eye-patch system, however, makes the brain tune up to process visual input better. "The child achieves peripheral vision, too," she says.

Between 2% and 5% of the population is legally blind in one eye, according to Gallin. "It's a national health issue, but no one is listening."

At her schools in California, Mac Donald says, an optometrist comes in to test the kids.

## **Other Advice**

Some important information parents should tell the school about their child includes:

- Above all, make sure your child's emergency telephone number card is accurate and kept current. "You can't just drop the kid off at school and drive away," Mac Donald says. If you move or change a number, correct it the next day. At her schools, numbers are listed in order they are to be called: mother, father, grandmother, or whatever the parents designate. The child's physician and dentist also need to be listed. "I have had to take a kid with a knocked-out tooth to the dentist and have the mother meet me there," she says. "We needed all the phone numbers."
- The school nurse and/or school secretary also needs to know what [medications](#) your child takes, Mac Donald says. Even if the child takes the medication only at home, the nurse should know. If the child is to take the drugs at school, she says, they must be in the pharmacy bottle, clearly marked (not an envelope, for instance).
- Any health problems should be made known to the school. Allergies are a good example. "There are so many [allergies] now to foods, plants, trees, beestings, or latex. The school has to know in advance," Mac Donald says.
- Also inform the school of physical restrictions. Does the child have asthma, a scoliosis brace, or a heart murmur? How should this affect physical activity?

## **Tests and Services the School May Perform**

Some schools are sending home "weight report cards," advising parents how to deal with childhood obesity. Mac Donald's district does color testing, especially in boys, in the early elementary years. Hearing tests are performed in kindergarten, second grade, fifth grade, eighth grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and in special education, too.

Scoliosis screens may also be given to see if your child's spine is growing according to plan. Does your child have a shoulder or hip higher than the other? This can be picked up. "The spine can curve so much it puts pressure on the heart," Mac Donald says.

Children also are worked up to see if they could benefit from special education. "Many of our children had parents who used drugs or alcohol and their nervous systems were affected," Mac Donald says. "They need special training and treatment."

The school may also give health training. "I think that would be good," Santesteban says.

### **What Else Can Parents Do?**

"The school said to be sure the kids wore closed-toe shoes," Santesteban says. The American Academy of Pediatrics also advises that parents not strap a jumbo backpack on their children -- never more than 20% of the child's body weight (those books can add up). Some children even prefer a rolling backpack like the wheeled suitcase their parents take on business trips. Make sure the backpack has wide straps and a padded back.

If children are hanging back or seem anxious about the first day, explain that their friends are waiting to see them again. Maybe another child in the neighborhood could come along the first day.

Be sure you have arrangements for after-school, too.

Parents must also be sure the child has sufficient sleep, usually eight hours for a growing child and even more for a teen. And the child should go off with a good breakfast. Sometimes kids can eat at school, too, but nutrition helps the child to focus and concentrate.

"Actually, that's something the schools could do better," Santesteban says. "Serve better food. Some of the stuff is nasty and cheap, like deep-fried pancakes on a stick. My son doesn't eat breakfast at school, but he would like to, for that very reason."

In other words, adult supervision is needed.

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**American International School of Lagos**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Minutes for Tuesday, May 10, 2010**  
**AISL Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Dan Heath, Ekaba Davies, Simon Hemming, Tonya Oaks, Hemant Patel, Stuart McGeoch, Vicki Hutchinson, Robin Cheung  
**Admin Staff:** Tom Shearer, Sharon Schauss, Justin Smith, Trudy Mafe  
**Parent Attendees:** Shirley Morello (PTO), Katrien Mestdagh-Hens, Doris Panagis  
**Staff Attendees:** Jeff Klancke, Lauri Klancke, Gaye Lantz

**Study Session - No Study Session**

**Regular Session** The regular session began at 5:00PM.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Dan Heath called the meeting to order.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

H. Patel, seconded by J. Lunsford moved to adopt the Agenda. Motion passed.

**Adoption of Minutes:** spelling and grammatical edits were done to the Minutes

V. Hutchinson, seconded by H. Patel, moved to accept the minutes with edits. Motion passed.

**Recognition of Staff, Students and Community:**

D. Heath recognized Russ Smith, the AISL US Tax Consultant, who has been coming to AISL for 28 years.

D. Heath complimented the organizers, moms, umpires, and T. Shearer on the success of the Saturday Sports program. He also recognized the organizers of the Girl Scout program.

J. Lunsford recognized Jeff Klancke for working on the IT piece of the HS. He has done a phenomenal job keeping us up to date with pictures. He also thanked J. Stewart making sure the pictures get on to the website. J. Lunsford also thanked Robin Cheung for all his work on the Debenture program and on the Board Elections.

D. Heath thanked the parents who came in on a holiday evening to participate in the voting.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Justin Smith shared the following:

1. Band Concert on May 19<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band
2. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is doing a presentation of Shakespeare on May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Schauss share that our seniors have been accepted to the following colleges/universities:

1. Amherst College
2. Colorado School of Mines
3. Drexel University
4. Ohio Wesleyan University
5. Penn State – University Park
6. Penn State – Harrisburg
7. University of Illinois at Urbana
8. University of Maryland
9. University of Pittsburgh
10. University of Sussex
11. University of Texas at Austin
12. University of Westminster

Tom Shearer acknowledged/thanked/ announced the following:

1. Kay Mongardi from CIS was here to conduct Accreditation Training
2. Paulette Sargos and Shirley Morello for the great Bingo Night
3. Organizers of the Saturday Sports program for a great job
4. Organizers of the Girl and Boy Scout programs for their hard work
5. John Stewart for his work as Director of Admissions
6. Mr. Shearer acknowledged the issue of substitutes in the school this year. He thanked the parents for their willingness to step in and help out.

**Members wishing to address the Board:** Parent, Shawnee Brown had three issues she wanted to address: had three issues she wanted to address and did not need anything back in writing from the Board:

1. She too is grateful for the parents/community members who subbed. However, she feels that it is incumbent on the BOD to find certificated, permanent substitutes to fill in. Using a non-certificated teacher is like a lawyer telling a doctor what to do.
2. Cursive writing – her daughter is not learning cursive writing in school and Shawnee is wondering how much of that job is left to the parents to do.
3. PDA – while doing bus duty on Thursday, she noticed MS students on the bleachers. When a parent sees students engaging in PDA, what should they say or do/

Parent, Benga Adebayo wanted to congratulate the BOD on a job well done and to congratulate the new Board members on their election to the BOD. He also asked about the following:

1. The search for Mr. Shearer's successor and is it possible that Tom could be persuaded to stay.
2. Progress of the HS. He lives in the area of the HS and does not see much progress in the building. What are the chances that the school will be ready in August?

**Old Business:** Before the start of old business, D. Heath, H. Patel and Tonya Oaks were excused to the audience and J. Lunsford took over the running of the meeting.

**The High School Project Report:** J. Lunsford said that the HS is on target for fall completion. We will not be moving staff to the HS until everything is ready. He encouraged the parents and staff interested in visiting the HS site, contact a Board member or the school administration. R. Cheung said that the Debenture Program has a couple of processes to look at, however the financing is right on target.

**Dress Code:** D. Heath met with the Student Senate and discussed the dress code preferences: Student Senate – White shirts only

Parents – White and Navy shirts

Jeff Klancke also did an electronic survey and 94% of the parents voted for white and navy shirts. Mr. Heath wanted the students to know that their voice was heard, however the input says that the shirt colors for the HS will be white and navy. The Board understands that there need to be options as everyone is not able to do mail order and the shipping of the uniforms into Nigeria is against the law. The topic will be further discussed in Executive Session.

**New Business:**

**Seating of New Members:**

J. Lunsford congratulated D. Heath, H. Patel, and Tonya Oaks on their re-election to the BOD.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Member:**

D. Heath recognized Board member, Vicki Hutchinson for her service and clear vision. Vicki is always ankle deep in reality and always speaks the truth. T. Shearer said that the last 4 years we have been fortunate to have people like Vicki and the contribution and support from the State Department. Thank you, Vicki.

**Facilities:**

D. Heath reported on behalf of the committee. The Facilities Committee discussed the following:

Review of the 2010-2011 Capital Ex Budget

Back gate access

Vehicle bids

Classroom expansion

Work on gymnasium

Work on stage floor

Dan asked members to look over their submitted minutes and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**Curriculum: No report****Finance:**

S. Hemming went over the agenda/minutes from the Finance Committee. There are no surprises. There is an amended agreement with Umpqua (formerly Rainier Pacific) Bank. Simon, Robin and Tom will meet with the bank in June. The Finance Statement is attached for all to read. The outsourcing of the Business Office will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Human Resources:** D. Heath went over the minutes of the HR Committee:

The Exception to the age requirement policy was moved to Executive Session.

**Motions:**

New Vehicles - V. Hutchinson, seconded by S. Hemming, moved to approve the purchase of three vehicles for the school, not to exceed \$141,832. Motion passed.

Classroom Renovation - Facilities Committee, seconded by Vicki Hutchinson, moved to approve the contract to JD Piper to do the renovation of 8 classrooms on the first floor. Motion passed.

Gym Floor Removal – S. McGeoch asked what would happen to old wood. H. Patel felt that an effort should be made to salvage the bleachers and the wood. Facilities Committee, seconded by S. McGeoch, moved to approve the contract to JD Piper for the removal of the existing gym floor and prepare the surface of installation of the new floor, not to exceed \$1,557,268. Motion passed.

Stage Floor – The Facilities Committee, seconded by S. McGeoch, moved to approve the contract to JD Piper to remove and install a new stage floor. Motion passed.

Back Gate – Moved to Executive Session

Second Reading of Capital Expenditures Budget – D. Heath presented the second reading of the budget. D. Heath, seconded by E. Davies, moved to approve the Capital Expenditures Budget. Motion passed.

Board Retreat is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at Chevron at 8AM. Families will join the BOD at 5PM for dinner and recreation. D. Heath will book the facilities.

**Members wishing to address the Board:**

None

**Next Board Meeting:** August 24, 2010

The Regular Session of the Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM

Respectfully submitted: