

District A-Team/Southeast Region
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Notes from October 11, 2007 Meeting

- I. **Board Update:** First on the agenda was **AZAC**. Possible zoning to relieve Lamping was discussed (this could possible affect Vanderburg, Twitchell, and/or Bartlett). Feeder alignment was discussed between elementary and middle schools. The next AZAC meeting is Tuesday, October 23rd at 9:30 a.m. (Board Room-Ed Center/Flamingo). Next, Mrs. Scow discussed the **calendar committee**. This committee discusses year-round conversions for ES, academic achievement for year-round students, construction and cost implications. The committee is a 6-week committee dedicated to the implications of year-round changes and policies concerning year-round conversions. The next **Community Linkage** will take place on 10/16 at 4 p.m. (Bonanza HS Theater). **ParentLink Communication:** Eva Melendrez our SE Region Parent Liaison was absent but Mrs. Scow gave an update on her behalf. The upcoming item is MAPPS training which will be available for parents to help their children with math homework (a flyer was distributed with the information). Other items of interest were: **Charter Schools**—the School Board has decided that there will not be any more charter school approved (there are 8 charter schools in the district). With the upcoming **bond** the following events will be taking place: there will be a work session some time in November; in December, advisory groups (consisting of businesses, community partnerships, and parents) will be meeting to decide the parameters of the bond; in January, an initial proposal will be drafted (this will be a “working” draft), and entities will begin campaigning for the bond (school district employees CANNOT campaign for the bond); and the bond will go forward in the November 2008 election. At the next Board meeting an agenda item will be changing from Edline and InTouch to another program where parents can access student grades and attendance.

- II. **Region Update:** Dr. Patrice Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, presented more information on the **Grading Action Research** that is taking place throughout the district. The research will continue to take place on grading practices and how changing certain practices might increase student achievement and participation. Christina Brooks, Administrative Assistant, presented information on the **Kids to Kids Book Drive**. Kids to Kids is a program through Spread the Word Nevada, a non-profit corporation dedicated to advancing early childhood literacy. Kids to Kids reaches out to at-risk children (Pre-K to 5th grade) in low income areas by providing them with new and gently used children books. Any books that can be donated would be greatly appreciated. Dr. Denson, Superintendent, presented information on the **Parent Engagement Forum**, which is a committee generated by the Instruction Unit to serve as a parent advisory team to the Instruction Unit.

- III. **Open Discussion: Teacher retirement** due to health insurance was discussed. Parents voiced their concern about changes, rumors, etc. The **Southern Nevada Regional Planning Commission** was explained. This is a technical committee headed by Dr. Karlene Lee. It is made up of several district entities—community

business partners, school board members, parents, CCSD employees. The commission discusses many issues such as drop-out rates/drop-out prevention, student poverty, at-risk students, and pregnancy. **Pupil Funding formulas**—parents are interested in having someone come and speak about the funding of schools/students at an upcoming meeting.

*The Next PAC meeting will be on **Thursday, November 8, 2007** at 9:30 a.m. (Greenspun Junior High Theater).