

Pine Lake Preparatory Board of Directions  
Closed Session  
Wed., 24 February 2010  
7:18 am- 8:00 pm

Board Members Present: John Moloney, Anne McIntosh, Chris Perri, Twan Ellison, Bill Neal, Evelyn Gerdes

PLP leadership: Kate Alice Dunaway, Kari Jolly

Absent: Cara Cassell-Jones

**I. Four-Car Wreck at Intersection of Hwy 115/Yellow Wood Circle**

Kate Alice notified the Board of Directors that there was a four-car accident during dismissal today. Kari expanded stating that a Davidson Day student rear-ended the car in front of him, which cause Car #2 to hit Car #3 which hit Car #4. Two ambulances did transport victims to the hospital. A PLP family was involved in the accident (Car #4); we probably will not get an update this evening. This accident has increased the level of concern about the safety of our students who are crossing Hwy 115 to get into cars during dismissal. Parents who are choosing not to drive onto campus and being in the carpool line are putting their children at risk to cross Hwy 115. These parents are not parking in any designated parking lots but rather pulling over on the road. PLP does not own this property and is not authorized to put up any signs asking parents not to park there. Kari said that there can be approximately 10-20 cars at a time during dismissal. Depending upon the budget at the end of the year, PLP may work with Buttery and Beanery (Linda H) to create a barrier preventing students from crossing.

**II. Update to a stakeholders' comment during open session**

Kate Alice and Kari provided additional information on Kathy Hoffman who is a PLP parent. In the past Kathy Hoffman spoke to the board requesting permission to start a diversity club at the school that was affiliated with religion. Cara Cassell-Jones provided support stating that the Board would not be in compliance with the law to deny this request; the Board voted that the Impact Club be allowed to form. Ms. Hoffman came to the Board meeting tonight to say that she is experiencing difficulty from PLP leadership to perform certain projects. Kate Alice and Kari shared that some of these projects are outside the scope of what would be age-appropriate for Middle and Upper School students; an example given was baby bottles that had pro-life and anti-abortion paraphernalia attached. The Impact Club was designed to embrace ALL religious faiths and practices, including Jewish and Hindu as some of the PLP student population are Jewish and Hindu. Kate Alice shared that Kathy Hoffman is also requesting to include Lower School in the Impact Club. The position that Kate Alice shared with the Board is that the Lower School children are receiving the foundation of their particular religious through the primary caregivers (e.g.: parents) and the religious institutions their families attend. Kate Alice shared that the Impact Club has a web page and although all information should go through Tim Rhodes before being published, sometimes certain announcements have slipped through and that she has received emails and communications from parents of other religions who have voiced their objection to the dominance of Christian-themes on the website. Bill Neal stated that the Board did not need to get involved and that as long as PLP was following the laws, we were supportive of PLP leadership team continuing to handle Kathy Hoffman and her concerns.

**III.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dr. Anne McIntosh, PLP BOD - Secretary**