**PINE-RICHLAND PAGE Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2015**

1. **Welcome:**  The general membership meeting began at 7:00 pm at Pine-Richland High School in the Steam-LGI Room. Julia Burns, Pine-Richland PAGE President, welcomed attendees, introduced the Board, and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**  The minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting were presented and approved.
3. **Amendment of Bylaws:**  The amended bylaws were presented and approved.
4. **Board Elections:** The executive board candidates were presented to and elected by the general membership. The executive board for 2015-2016 is
   1. President: Julia Burns
   2. Vice President: Rita Kastner
   3. Treasurer: Carrie Zvejnieks
   4. Secretary: Heather Labuda
5. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Laura Davis, Director of Pupil Services, gave updates on many aspects of the curriculum and instruction
   1. Adoption of the English Language Arts Series, “Wonders” published by McGraw Hill for grades K-6
      1. Resources: Electronic Library of K-12 “Study Sync” will provide a greater range of materials for advanced/gifted students
      2. Professional Development: will be provided for all K-6 teachers to prepare
   2. Adoption of Math Pathways for grades 3-8
      1. Appropriate based on ability placement in instructional delivery system
      2. Based on Data (Aimsweb, PSSA math scores, teacher input, report card grades)
      3. Important to note that if 98% of students need advanced pathway, they will receive it
      4. If acceleration is needed, they will be skipped ahead
      5. Placement will be communicated
   3. Eden Hall will have 2 full-time gifted teachers.
      1. Teacher will loop with same student all three years
      2. RAM Time: G.A.T.E. students will be with G.A.T.E. teacher rather than generalized enrichment it will focus on GIEP goals
6. **Vice President:** Rita Kastner gave an update on Eden Hall initiatives
   1. In School: Competition programs during Explore time with gifted teachers
   2. Survey: A survey will be conducted to determine interest.
   3. Funding: Programming will depend on available funding.
7. **Guest Speaker** **:** Kathleen Deal, P-R Middle School G.A.T.E. Teacher
   1. Pull Out Classes: Occurs during common study hall
   2. Enrichment Activities/Competitions: Students are expected to participate in 1 or 2 per semester
      1. Based on interests
      2. Students sign-up and turn in permission forms if field trips are involved
   3. GIEP: designed to make sure students are challenged
      1. Regular education classes can be differentiated to increase breadth and depth
      2. Acceleration: based on pre-tests and standardized assessments
      3. Students attends the GIEP meeting
   4. College Prep: starts in 7th grade
   5. Blackboard: Mrs. Deal has information online through Blackboard
   6. Focus Areas: Study skills, organization, and self-advocacy
8. **Question and Answer Period:** 
   1. Is PAGE aware of any summer programs for gifted learners?
      1. There will be information on our website and Facebook page as we learn of summer programs.
      2. **Facebook:** [**www.facebook.com/groups/pinerichlandpage**](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pinerichlandpage)
      3. **Website:** [**http://pinerichlandpage.weebly.com/**](http://pinerichlandpage.weebly.com/)
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by Heather Labuda, Secretary**